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VIGOROUS ATTACK ON SOVIET.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS BY BRITAIN.

LORD CUSHENDUN'S GENEVA SENSATION.

DISARMAMENT PLANS.

Geneva, Mar. 20.
The eagerly-awaited debate on the Soviet proposals for complete disarmament of all countries in the world, was opened to-day by General di Marini (Italy) who dealt with the proposals by saying that the plan was neither acceptable nor rejectable as a whole.
M. Clausel, the French representative at the Conference, made an effective address following much the same lines.
The speech of the day, however, was that of Lord Cushendun (Great Britain) who spoke for an hour before the adjournment and severely criticised the Soviet plan.
Lord Cushendun argued that some of these proposals were quite impossible and he was particularly severe on the omission of mention of the League of Nations, notwithstanding the fact that the Soviet delegates had come to Geneva to discuss disarmament under the League of Nations.
To Examine Plan.
Lord Cushendun expressed agreement with the proposal that a small committee should be appointed to examine the plan.
Lord Cushendun produced a sensation in the assembly by the vigour of his castigation of the Soviet subsequently. He declared that the League had never received any support from Russia, where Geneva and all its works were reviled.
Bona Fides Doubted.
The Soviet delegates, he declared, had come to Geneva with only one purpose in their minds, to unmask the capitalistic States and to sabotage the League.
If the Article of the Russian scheme which disallowed sanctions against an offender was accepted, it would be necessary to repeal the Covenant of the League, he pointed out.
The Soviet proposals must be submitted to the Governments represented at the Commission as they would necessarily wish to confer with their technical experts. Consequently, he argued, it would be impossible to go on with full discussion of the proposals during the present Sessions.
Lord Cushendun said he believed that disarmament could be achieved much more easily by perseverance and patience.
Soviet Intrigue.
The surprise of the attack was enhanced when Lord Cushendun asked: "Are the Soviets against civil war?" He declared that they were endeavouring to create such civil wars in other countries.
As regards naval disarmament, he said Britain was prepared to abolish submarines, if other countries did the same, and was prepared to go even further than she had already gone in the reduction of battleships.
Viscount Sato (Japan) pronounced the Commission to be incompetent to deal with the Russian proposals without the consent of the Council of the Assembly. He nevertheless hoped that the Soviets would continue co-operation.
Invitation to Litvinoff.
In opening Lord Cushendun said the first principle of the Russian project, namely complete disarmament, would be accepted by everyone as an ideal, and he was certain no-one was prepared to reply in the negative to the principle that complete disarmament was the aim of all.
At same time he thought it was impossible, and he would have liked M. Litvinoff to have shown how it might be done.
As far as Great Britain was concerned, she was in favour of disarmament, but there were many questions to be decided first, and that was the reason why he suggested the Russian plan, should be discussed, so that all that was

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NATIONALIST ARMY REPULSED.

REINFORCEMENTS ORGANISED AT HANKOW.

FENGTIEN BARRAGE.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's severe reverse in the region of Changti-Ho is confirmed by British Naval Wireless messages received to-day. Feng Yu-hsiang apparently opened the offensive but the morale of his troops suffered under the long barrage of the Fengtien heavy guns, and the attack was repulsed with heavy losses.

Full details are not available, but Feng has sent urgent messages to Hankow for reinforcements and the fact that General Pei Chung-hai and Chen Chien have ceased their operations against General Ho Chen in the Changti-Ho area, and have commenced the concentration of their forces at Wuchang seems to indicate that assistance for the "Christian" General will soon be forthcoming.

Incidentally it may be noted that the Nationalists are preparing to further develop the offensive against the Northern troops from the direction of the south. He Chen will in the meantime be left in undisputed control of the Changti-Ho district.

Nanking, Mar. 20.

General Tang Seng-che is reported to have arrived here. He is the subject of many rumours, one being to the effect that he may desert General Ho Chen in order to join the Northern Expedition. His troops are at present stationed in Hunan.—Naval Wireless.

Chinkiang, Mar. 20.

Soldiers have commandeered a number of junks for the purpose of carrying troops to the north bank of the river.—Naval Wireless.

PARISIAN FASCIST MURDER.

ITALIAN ARRESTED IN SWITZERLAND.

Berne, Mar. 20.
A one-armed Italian Communist named Pavan has been arrested near Basle on a charge of suspected complicity in the murder of Signor Savorelli in Paris a week ago.

Signor Savorelli, a Fascist leader, was shot down at the door of the flat of some friends, a telephone message having previously been received enquiring if Savorelli was in the house.

The murdered man answered the door when the bell rang shortly afterwards, three shots rang out, the door was slammed, and Savorelli was found dead, the assassin having disappeared.—Reuter.

ITALIAN POLAR FLIGHT.

BASE-SHIP LEAVES FOR SPITZBERGEN.

Spezia, Mar. 20.
The s.s. Clitta de Milano, which will serve as a base-ship for the semi-dirigible "Italia" in which General Nobile will attempt the North Polar flight left for King's Bay, Spitzbergen, where it will remain during the expedition.

The departure was witnessed by a number of distinguished personalities, while Signor Mussolini wrote a letter to the captain of the ship.

The vessel saluted the warships in Harbour.—Reuter.

REAR-ADMIRAL COLLARD REPLACED.

NEW COMMANDER OF BATTLE SQUADRON.

London, Mar. 20.
The Admiralty has appointed Rear-Admiral William M. Kerr to take command of the First Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet in succession to Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, who has been recalled in connexion with the incidents on board H.M.S. Royal Oak.—Reuter.

CRISIS IN COTTON INDUSTRY.

MANY SPINNING MILLS CLOSED DOWN.

EASTERN INTERESTS BUYING MACHINERY.

EMPLOYERS CONFER.

London, Mar. 20.
The position arising from the recent breakdown in the Cotton Conference was discussed at a meeting of the representatives of the Master Cottonspinners Association and the Manufacturers' Association at Manchester.

It is not considered probable that the Employers' Federation will force an issue with the operatives on the proposal to reduce wages and lengthen hours, but there exists a strong feeling in the trade there should be a 48-hour production week, not including, as at present, the time needed to clean the machinery.

Sold to Far East.

In the House of Commons, Mr. T. Johnston (Dundee, Lab.) drew attention to the Gleebe Mill at Oldham, which he said was sold at a break-up price and the machinery shipped to the Far East to be operated with cheaper labour for longer hours. Four hundred workers had been thrown out of employment in England.

Mr. Johnston asked whether similar sales of machinery was projected to Indian and Japanese capitalists, and what steps the Board of Trade proposed to take in this connexion.

Mills Being Closed.

Sir Cunliffe Lister replied that he was not aware of the case cited, but it was a fact that a number of cotton-spinning mills were being closed down and the machinery sold.

Some portion of the machinery sold under these circumstances might be shipped abroad, but he could not see what power he had to prohibit the export.

Sir Cunliffe Lister expressed the opinion that it was much more important that there should be an amalgamation and reconstruction of the Lancashire cotton trade (which must come from within) so that new machinery might be installed.—Reuter.

NANKING MILITARY MOVES.

STRENGTHENING PUKOW AND YANGCHOW DEFENCES.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.
The 6th Division of the 46th Army under General Fang Ting-ying has been ordered to Yangchow, while the 4th and 5th Divisions are now moving up to the Tsinpu line.

These forces will garrison the area from Pukow to Pengpu. If necessary they will be called upon to serve at the Front.

General Ho Yew-cho, the Nanking Defence Commissioner, has tendered his resignation in order that he may take up service at the front. In connexion with General Ho's application it is rumoured that General Fang Ting-ying or General Chien Tai-chun will be the successor.—Nam Chung Pao.

INDIAN POLITICAL SQUABBLE.

SWARAJISTS ATTACK THE CHIEF MINISTER.

Madras, Mar. 20.
The Legislative Council has rejected, by 69 votes to 46, the Swarajist motion of non-confidence in the Ministry.

The Swarajists launched a severe attack on the Chief Minister for flouting the Council's mandate to boycott the Statutory Commission, headed by Sir John Simon.

The Chief Minister expressed the opinion that the Commission took precedence over the boycott vote of the House, which he interpreted not as a censure of his attitude but as a lead to the country.—Reuter.

BRITISH AVIATION SUPREME.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE CLAIMS IN COMMONS.

PROVED EFFICIENCY.

London, Mar. 20.
A claim that Britain is clear ahead of every country in the world in the development of civil aviation was made by Sir Samuel Hoare during the debate on the Air Estimates, which were passed by the House of Commons after a motion by Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) to reduce the vote concerning men by 100, had been rejected by 217 votes to 90.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, replying to the debate, claimed that from the point of view of reliability, of economy and of administration, we were definitely ahead of any country in the world in the matter of civil aviation.

We were making better progress than any other country in making civil aviation self-supporting. The reliability of the British air services was now 96 per cent. as compared with 75 per cent. four years ago.

As far as the Singapore air arrangement was concerned, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the accommodation provided there for

IMPORTANT SHANGHAI DISCUSSIONS.

Marshal Li Chai-sum Urged to Hurry to Nanking.

Shanghai, March 21.

General Ho Ying-ching returned from Hangchow to Shanghai yesterday morning. On his arrival he had a long interview with Marshal Li Chai-sum. It is probable that he will leave for Nanking this evening.

It is reported that Marshal Li Chai-sum has received a telegraphic invitation from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Lieh-chun urging him to come to Nanking immediately.—Nam Chung Pao.

Flying boats was part of the general Singapore scheme and, assuming that Singapore was to become a big naval base, there obviously must be accommodation for an Air Force operating on the land and co-operating with the Fleet.—Reuter.

RETURN FROM CHINA.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS REACH LONDON.

London, Mar. 20.

The 2nd. Batt. Coldstream Guards have arrived from Shanghai in the transport Assaye, and will be welcomed on disembarkation to-morrow by Lieut. General Codrington, the Colonel of the Regiment.—Reuter.

EARL BALFOUR MUCH BETTER.

EMINENT CONSERVATIVE IMPROVING.

London, Mar. 20.

Earl Balfour, the eminent Conservative statesman, who has been ill, spent a good night, and his condition is reported to be satisfactory. The patient is in his eightieth year.—Reuter.

AN ANGLO-GERMAN CONVENTION.

FACILITATING JUDICIAL PROCEDURE.

London, Mar. 20.

An Anglo-German Convention for facilitating judicial procedure has been signed in London by Sir Austen Chamberlain and the German Ambassador. The Convention is subject to ratification.—British Wireless.

CEMENT COMPANY OUTLOOK.

BETTER SHOWING LAST YEAR.

NEW \$3,000,000 FACTORY BEING CONSIDERED.

BRICK WORKS CLOSED.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., this morning, by the Chairman (Mr. R. G. Shewan) that the results of the past year showed a marked improvement on those of the preceding twelve months, with hopes of a more satisfactory showing for 1928.

The Hok On works, it was stated, are becoming gradually obsolete, and the Directors are investigating the question of building an entirely new factory, the approximate cost of which would be three million dollars.

Heavy losses have been suffered at the Deep Water Bay works, which have now been closed down, but they are capable of being operated again, if conditions warrant.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the established procedure and treat them as read.

I am pleased to state that the result of the year under review shows a marked improvement on that of the preceding year, and with the more settled conditions prevailing in South China, it is to be hoped that such improvement will not only be maintained, but that in respect of the current year we shall be in a position to present you with a more satisfactory showing.

The profit for the year, after providing \$79,650.60 for depreciation, amounts to \$121,523.36, and after deducting from this sum the debit balance brought forward from the previous year, amounting to \$29,662.65, there remains a credit balance of \$91,860.71 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows: To transfer to a Contingency Reserve against Deep Water Bay sales, \$20,000; to carry forward, \$71,860.71; total, \$91,860.71. I trust such recommendation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Severe Competition.

Trade during the year under review was, as you are aware, far from normal, but taking into consideration the vicissitudes through which we have passed and more particularly the stagnation in general construction work—with which the sale of our products is so intimately identified—coupled with the severity of competition for such business as has been passing, I venture to think that we may regard ourselves as fortunate in being enabled to show a small profit on the year's working.

The two new kilns at our Macao works are now working satisfactorily and, together with the two Buhler kilns, which were transferred from Hongkong and are in course of erection, should, on completion, place us in a position to meet the demand from Canton and the West River districts when trade becomes normal, thus conforming with our policy to concentrate our Macao output on that particular market.

New Factory Question.

Turning to our Hok On Works, owing to the plant in use there becoming gradually obsolete, the cost of manufacture there is increasing and we have found it necessary to transport Macao cement to Hongkong in order to fulfil the local and export demand; but transportation costs are too high to enable us to compete successfully with other brands in these particular markets. In this connexion, we cannot anticipate any improvement in the prevailing state of affairs until such time as we are able to install an entirely new factory capable of turning out the high grade product which we have hitherto maintained, and ensuring its being marketed at a materially lower price.

The cost of an up-to-date factory would, we believe, approximately be \$3,000,000. (Continued on Page 14.)

WEST POINT MOTOR RIVALRY.

TOUT DISABLES WATCHMAN'S PUBLIC CAR.

TYRES PUNCTURED.

A very effective method of scoring over a rival car-owner was revealed in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning when a Chinese lad was charged with damaging two tyres of public motor car No. 171, owned by the watchman of the Man Kwok Restaurant, of West Point.

From the evidence and from the statements made by the prosecuting police officer, it would appear that there is a roaring trade in motor-car hire done at West Point in the small hours of the morning. Touts are employed by most owners and there is usually a scramble for business whenever a prospective customer comes in sight.

On Tuesday morning, the Indian watchman of the restaurant, learning of the departure of certain guests, sent for his car which drove up outside the door of the restaurant. This annoyed the Chinese chauffeurs, and, as a consequence, a lad of thirteen, described as a motor-car washer, is said to have been ordered to disable the Indian's car. This was done by puncturing a front and a rear tyre.

The lad was chased by the watchman but managed to escape. A report was made to the police and yesterday afternoon, the lad was arrested by a Chinese detective.

When charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning, the youth pleaded that he knew nothing of the incident, but later stated that the chauffeur in charge of the car at the time was not the chauffeur in Court.

Remarking that the lad seemed to know a great deal about the complainant's car, his Worship sentenced him to receive ten strokes.

FUNDING AUSTRIAN DEBT.

POSSIBILITY OF NEW LOAN FLOTATION.

Washington, Mar. 20.

President Coolidge has addressed a message to Congress asking for legislation empowering the funding of the Austrian debts to the United States on at least as good terms as Austria's European creditors have received.

This, it is stated, will allow Austria to float an international loan.—Reuter's American Service.

ANNÓYANCE OVER DONETZ.

ANOTHER GERMAN FAVOUR WITHDRAWN.

Berlin, Mar. 20.

Permission granted to a number of Russian engineers to inspect the Rhenish industrial works has been withdrawn, the decision being dictated by the recent arrest of German engineers at the Donetz coal-basin.—Reuter.

STILL FEWER OUT OF WORK.

NATIONAL FIGURES ALMOST DOWN TO MILLION.

London, Mar. 20.

The latest returns show that the number of persons unemployed has decreased to a little over one million. The actual figure is 1,070,700 which is 22,752 less than the week before.—British Wireless.

HOME FOOTBALL.

DRAWN GAME AT NELSON.

London, Mar. 20.

In the Third Division (North) of the English League, Southport and Nelson drew, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BASE CRITICISMS.

QUESTIONS ON ARMY ESTIMATES.

LABOUR PARTY SUSPICIOUS OF JAPANESE.

BIG LAND PURCHASES?

London, Mar. 20.

Labour attacked the Government on conditions in Singapore at the report stage of the Army Estimates to-day.

Mr. W. T. Kelly (Rochdale, Lab.) referred to the most unsettling rumours of the conditions under which employees of the War Department in Singapore were obliged to live.

He asserted that the conditions were a disgrace to Britain and declared that we ought to set a standard as an example to people in that part of the world.

Mr. T. I. Mardy-Jones (Pontypool, Lab.) asked what proportion of the money being spent in Singapore during the forthcoming financial year was being used on the causeway linking up the mainland with the island.

Land of Military Importance.

He also wanted to know if it was a fact that a number of Japanese planters had bought up large tracts of land which were militarily of great importance from the standpoint of the Singapore defences. He further expressed strong doubts as to whether local opinion in Singapore was very strongly in favour of the Singapore base.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Secretary for War, pointed out that discussion of the base was totally outside his sphere.

He mentioned that the total expenditure incurred up to the present was £685,000. This year £132,000 would be spent.

Employment of Labour.

The general instructions issued regarding the employment of labourers was that the men should be employed in accordance with fair local rates, and he did not doubt that that instruction was being carried out.—Reuter.

In introducing the Army Estimates earlier, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans said the conception which the War Office had of the development of tanks and mechanised forces was not that they could replace the shock tactics of the cavalry.

Should they be in a country where vehicles could not carry guns, but where animals must do that work, men so trained would be capable of functioning under those circumstances.

Armoured Car Hussars.

With regard to the organisation of two cavalry regiments with armoured cars, namely the Eleventh Hussars and Twelfth Lancers, the Minister pointed out that they would each be mounted in three squadrons of thirty-four armoured cars.

The present estimates provided that during this year the Eleventh Hussars which was the regiment at Home should have 34 armoured cars, and the regiment in Egypt, the Twelfth Lancers, should have eleven armoured cars, so that only one squadron would be mounted and other two squadrons would be mounted in the succeeding year. He could not do it completely in Egypt this year.—British Wireless.

"SUMMER TIME" IN FRANCE.

ELECTORS GIVEN CHANCE TO SETTLE DOWN.

Paris, Mar. 20.

The Government has decided that Summer Time will come into force at midnight on April 14th, instead of April 21st, as previously agreed between Britain, Belgium and Holland.

The Parliamentary election takes place on April 22nd, and the date of Summer Time has been fixed eight days ahead in order to avoid the possibility of misunderstandings over the closing of the polls.—Reuter.



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MOTOR CAR IN A POND.

**CHARGE AGAINST MISS G.
GALE FAILS.**

DRUNK OR NERVOUS?

Without calling upon the defence to present their case, Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon dismissed the summons against Miss G. Gale, of No. 33, Hollywood Road, who was alleged to have driven a motor car on the Tai Po Road on the afternoon of February 29, in an intoxicated condition.

The case for the prosecution failed on a technicality, Mr. D. H. Blake, who appeared for the defendant, successfully submitting that there was no case to answer as the defendant was not proved to have been driving the car. In his cross-examination of the witnesses for the prosecution, Mr. Blake suggested that the defendant's nervous condition was due to the accident, and not to the influence of liquor.

Dr. I. Newton, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, gave evidence of visiting the Shamshuipo Police Station on the afternoon of February 29 as the result of a telephonic report to the effect that a European lady had met with an accident and was probably hurt.

Witness arrived at the Station between 3.30 and 4 p.m. and found Miss Gale, the defendant, in bed. She refused to be examined and objected to being taken to hospital for observation. She said that she had not been injured in any way. Witness spoke to the defendant for about half an hour and formed the opinion that she was suffering from the effects of alcohol to such an extent that she was not in a fit condition to be in charge of a motor car.

She assured witness that she had not been injured but witness noticed a bruise on her left arm. It was too early to say whether it was likely to be serious.

In reply to Mr. Blake, witness said that as far as he knew the defendant was not then charged with any offence. She was in bed because she had got wet and had no clothes to wear.

Thanked Everybody.

It was a doctor's duty to exert every possible effort to examine a patient if he thought it was necessary. The defendant's speech was extremely thick and she was exceedingly emotional. She took witness by the arm and thanked him for offering to take her to hospital, and also everybody else for their kindness. She was smelling strongly of alcohol.

Asked why he had not given that in his evidence-in-chief witness replied that he was now giving his reasons for her condition. The defendant had told witness that she had some alcohol but had not stated whether this was before or after the accident. As far as witness could remember she did not say what the alcohol was.

Mr. Blake: I put it to you that she told you she had been given a glass of brandy on arrival at the Station?

Witness: No.

In reply to another question witness said that it was quite possible that it was because of the accident that she was not in a fit condition to drive a motor car. Witness laid emphasis on the word "possible."

"Hedn't 'The Faintest Idea."

Sub-Inspector Hoare was next called. He said that he received a report of an accident and proceeded to the scene. The defendant was found sitting in a motor car which had gone over the side of the road at the junction of Nam Cheung Street and the Tai Po Road. The vehicle was in a small pond about five or six yards off and about four feet below the level of the road. Sitting next to the defendant was a Chinese lady.

Witness asked the European lady if she were injured and although he received a negative reply he suggested that she should go to hospital, but she refused.

Witness told her that she might be hurt unknowingly, but she still refused to go to hospital. It was then suggested that she should go to the Shamshuipo Police Station, but she again met the suggestion with a refusal.

Proceeding, witness said that he then asked the defendant how the accident had occurred, and she replied that she "hadn't the faintest idea." The defendant then asked if it were possible to back the car on to the road, but that being impossible witness offered to telephone and make arrangement for the car to be hauled out. The defendant suggested that a message be sent to the Peninsula Garage.

Sergeant Tyler then arrived on the scene and he tried to persuade the defendant to leave the car and he would take her to the Station in his side car, but Miss Gale refused. Sergeant Tyler was then instructed by witness to take a message to the Peninsula Garage and he then left.

Other Police officers later arrived on the scene and after some persuasion the defendant went to the Shamshuipo Police Station in Sergeant Bayliss's side car.

A.D.C.'s Report.

Sergeant Tyler on being called said that His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C. went to the Shamshuipo Police Station to report the accident.

Witness was about to say something about a hysterical lady when Mr. Blake objected to the evidence, remarking that such evidence was not admissible.

Witness then went on to say that in strict accordance with instructions received he hurried to the junction of Nam Cheung Street and the Tai Po Road, where he found Miss Gale sitting at the wheel of a two seater motor car which had gone over the embankment. The amah was sitting on the hood with her feet on the seat beside the defendant.

The defendant was covered with mud and appeared to have been immersed in it. The Chinese woman was not quite so wet. One of the front wheels was broken and witness informed the defendant of this. Her speech was not normal.

After corroborating part of the previous witness' evidence witness said that he saw the defendant again at the Shamshuipo Police Station. She was in a pitiable condition. Witness asked Sergeant Blair if it was advisable to give her some brandy, and the latter agreed.

Witness then gave her some brandy, after which she seemed to be steadier. She had a bath and then went to bed awaiting the arrival of her clothes which had been sent for.

Defendant's Condition.

Asked what he meant by saying that the defendant's condition was pitiable, witness replied that she appeared to be under the influence of drink. She had to be assisted to the Station and was continuously mumbling to herself, which conveyed to witness the fact that she was not quite aware of her condition.

In answer to Mr. Blake witness said that he had made no notes and preferred no charge against the defendant.

Sergeant Bayliss stated that the defendant's speech seemed very indistinct and she was very confused in everything she did.

Witness admitted in cross-examination that it was quite possible that a nervous woman would be confused and not a little hysterical after an accident such as the defendant had.

Sergeant Blair said that he thought the defendant was under

the influence of drink. When he asked her to go to the Station after he had visited the scene, the defendant told him not to be so damned officious.

Witness in reply to Mr. Blake said that he, like the other officers, had formed a silent opinion that the defendant was under the influence of drink. He said nothing to her about it.

Mr. Blake submitted that it was not till after the doctor's examination that any of the witnesses had formed any opinion that the defendant was under the influence of liquor.

No Case?

Sub-Inspector Smith went into the witness box and said that during the doctor's visit he waited at the door of the room whilst Dr. Newton spoke to the defendant. When the doctor left the patient, witness asked him if she were injured and then telephoned to Central for instructions as to what he should do.

Mr. Blake objected to this being admitted and remarked that he had to complain about this case. All the witnesses had put in a lot of irrelevances which were all to the detriment of his client.

Witness then went on to say that he warned the defendant that she would be charged.

Sub-Inspector Smith, who conducted the case for the prosecution, then said that that closed his case.

Mr. Blake to his Worship: I submit I have no case to answer as there has been no evidence whatever that the defendant was in charge of the car.

His Worship (after contemplation): Do you consider that the amah was in charge of the car?

Mr. Blake: I do not consider anything. The case has not been made out. It is not for me to make out a case.

Not Proved.

His Worship: Two people were in the car. It is to be presumed that one of them drove it.

Mr. Blake: I don't know. From the case before you the amah was just as much in charge of the car as my client was. It is not for your Worship to conclude anything.

His Worship: I am not prepared to accept that view entirely. If she (defendant) had been found away from the car, yes; but she was found sitting in it.

Mr. Blake: That's no evidence. Anybody might have been sitting in it. It is easy enough to prove, but it has not been proved. If the prosecution has not put the case properly then your Worship has to discharge.

His Worship: The lady was seen sitting at the wheel, it seems. Mr. Blake: The fact that she was sitting at the wheel does not prove that she was in charge of the car. We have evidence that the car was immovable.

Sub-Inspector Smith: This car is licensed in the name of Miss Gale and Miss Gale is a licensed driver.

Mr. Blake: This evidence has never been called. The case has been closed. I waited until the case was closed.

His Worship: I still don't agree. I think your client has a case to answer. I think she was in charge of the car if she was at the wheel, even if the car was not in her name.

Mr. Blake: As your Worship pleases. I strongly ask your Worship to make a note of that.

His Worship: Yes, I will note the fact that the license has not been put in evidence.

Mr. Blake (referring to the charge on the summons): You see your Worship, the charge is "while in charge of private motor car No. 912, did drive"—drive mark you—There is not evidence of driving. Now I still more strongly protest and ask for dismissal. Now your Worship I really thank you for calling my attention to it.

After consideration his Worship dismissed the summons.

Household Necessity



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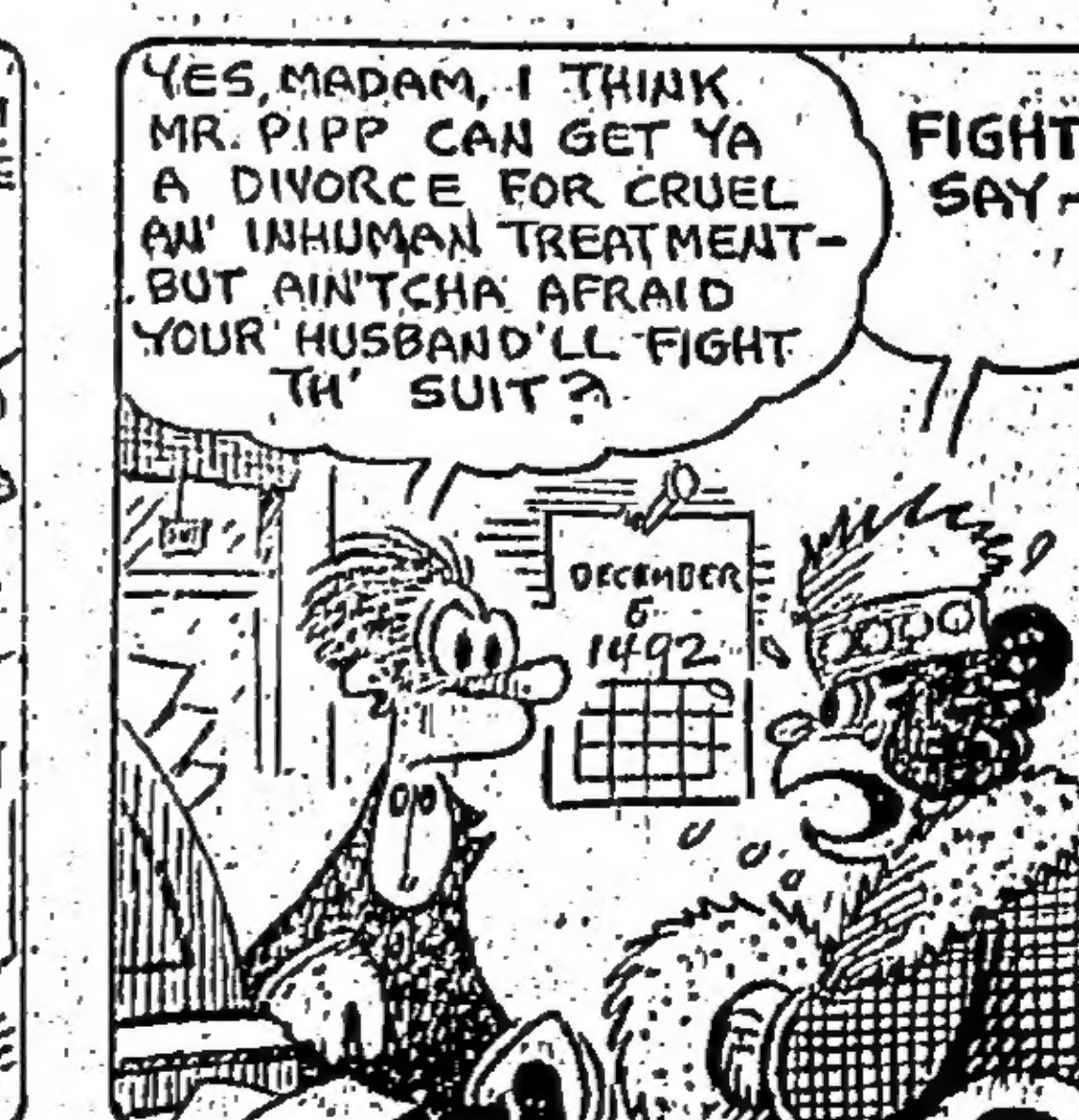


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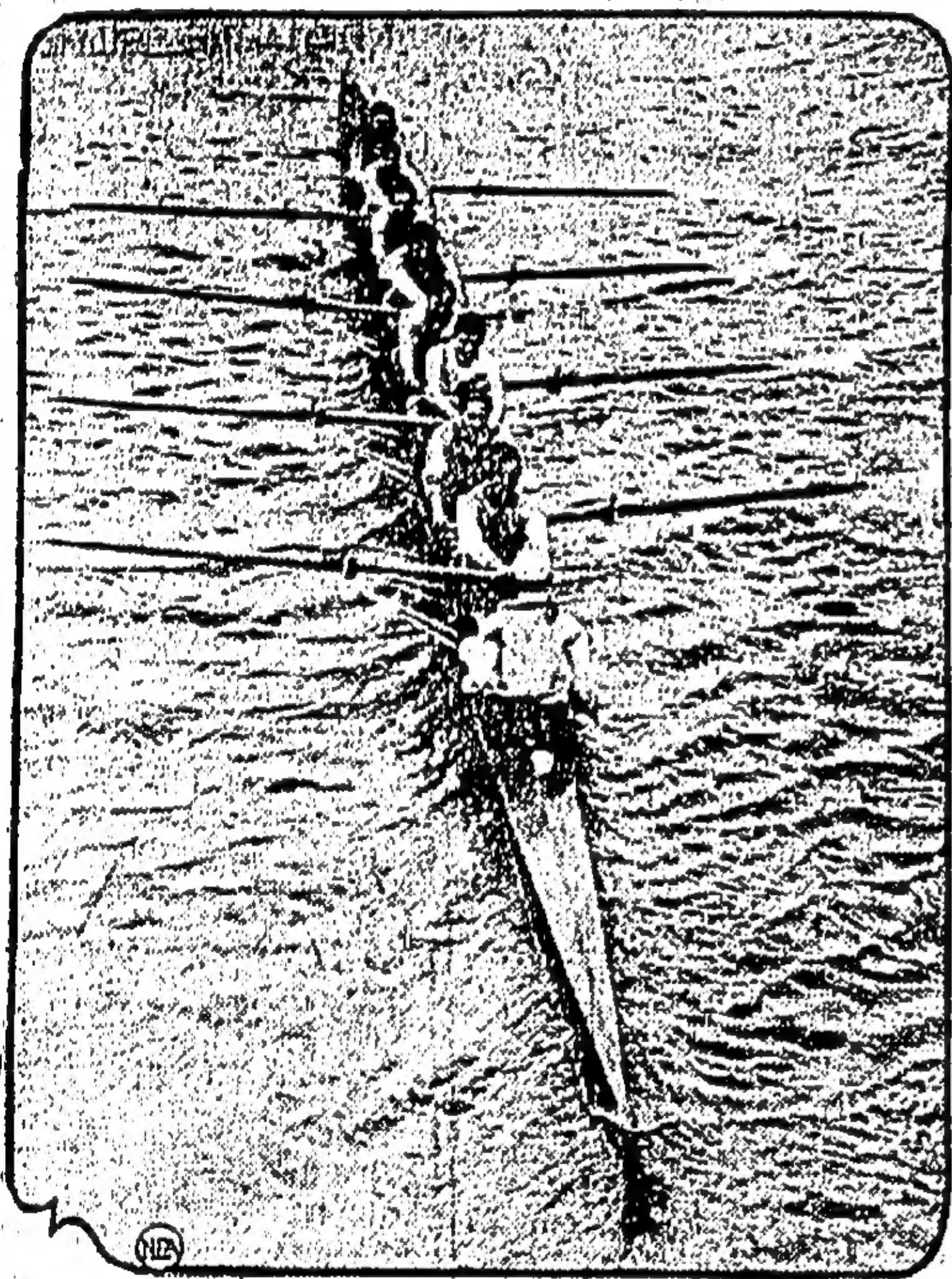
Group taken at the Deutsche Gartenklub, Shanghai, on the occasion of the first fancy dress dance to be held there since the new club building was opened.



This picture shows the plane, piloted by Clarence Chamberlin, shown to the right with the helmet, which crashed at the take-off at Richmond, Va.



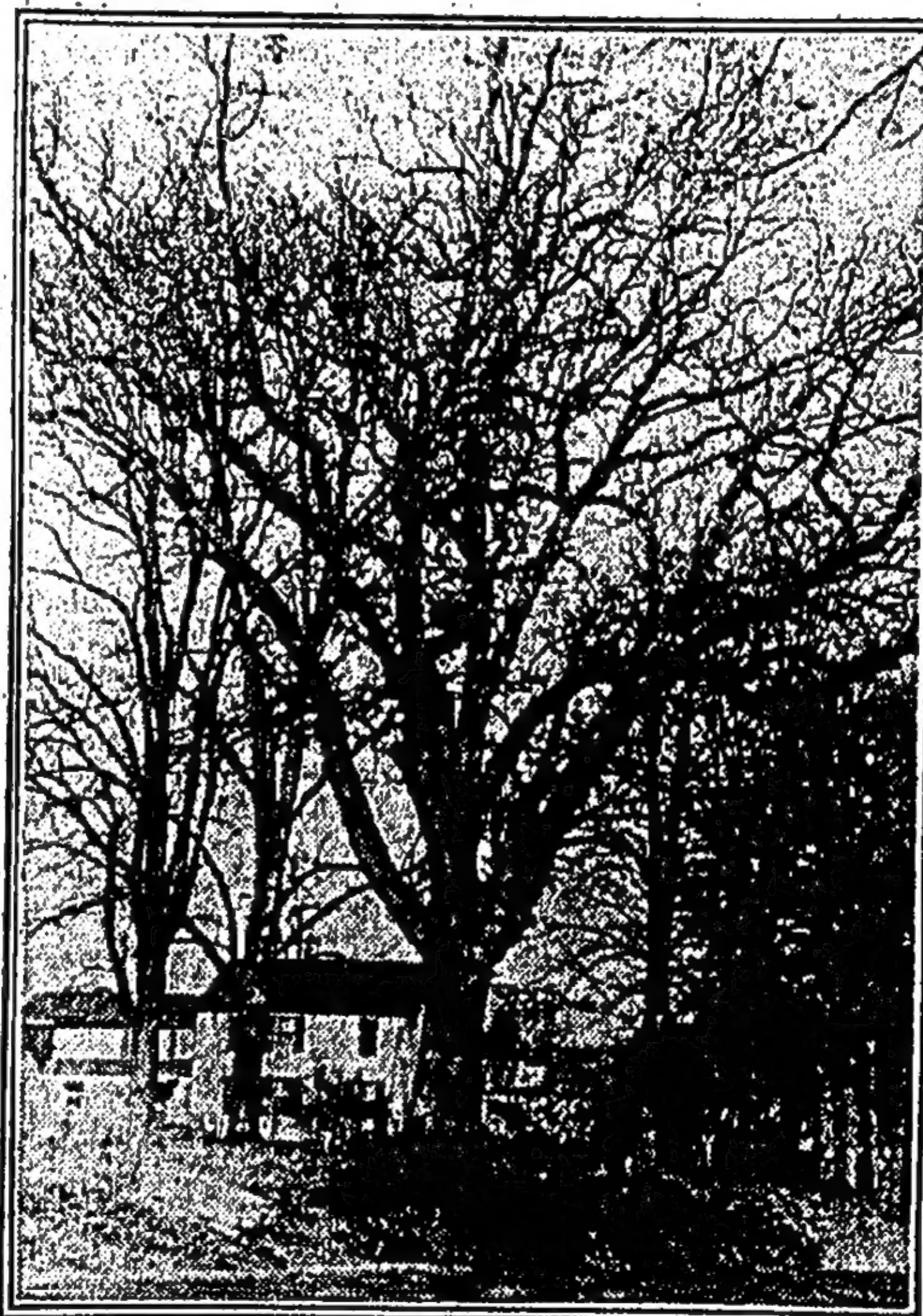
To make sure there would be no unexpected commotion in the Hickman Trial, spectators were searched carefully for weapons. The picture shows deputies examining two young women.



Cambridge University, winner of four successive victories over Oxford since 1923 in the English rowing classic, is in early training for the 1928 race.



In this picture are Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the British China Squadron, and Major-General A. E. Wardrop, G. O. C. British forces in Shanghai.



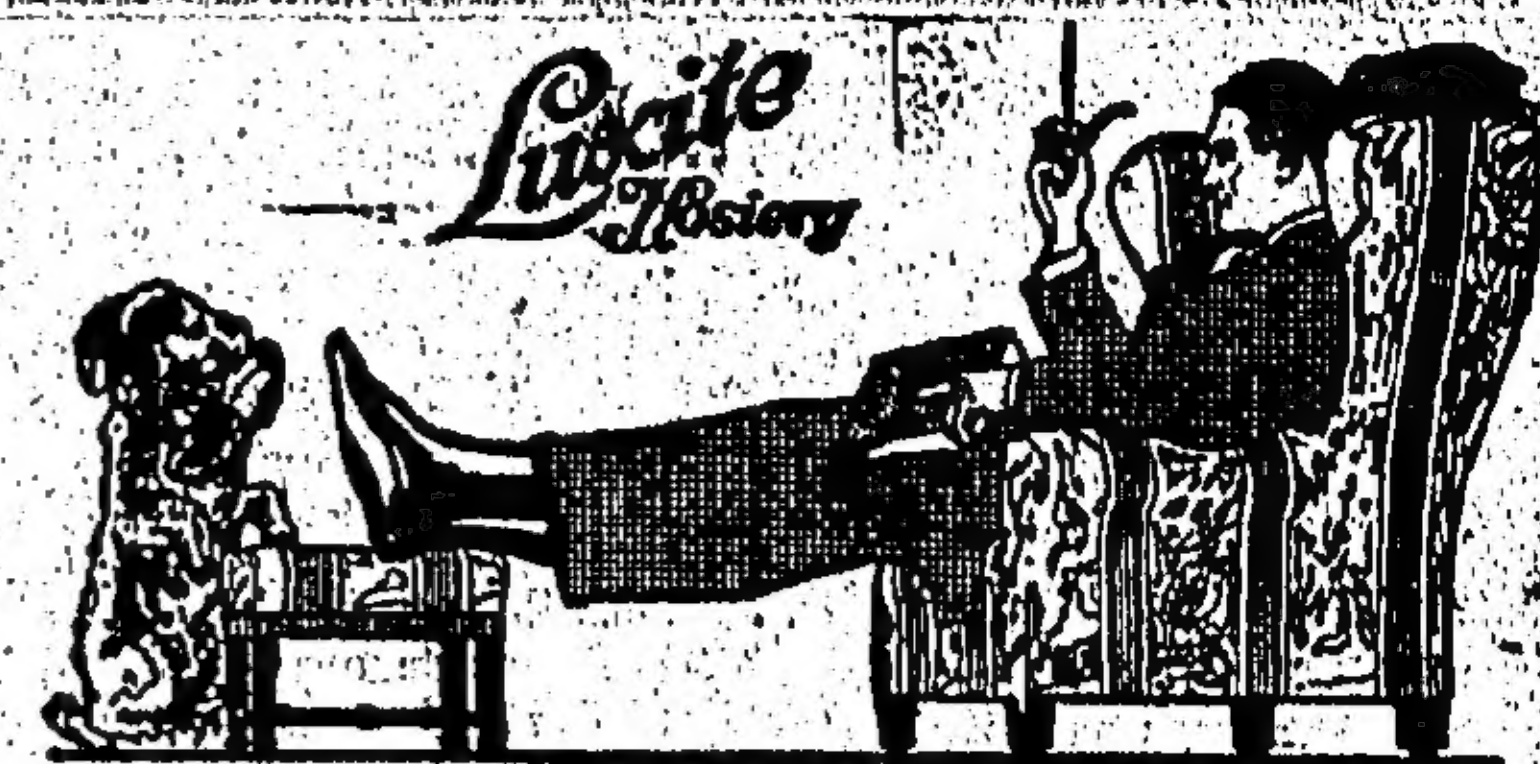
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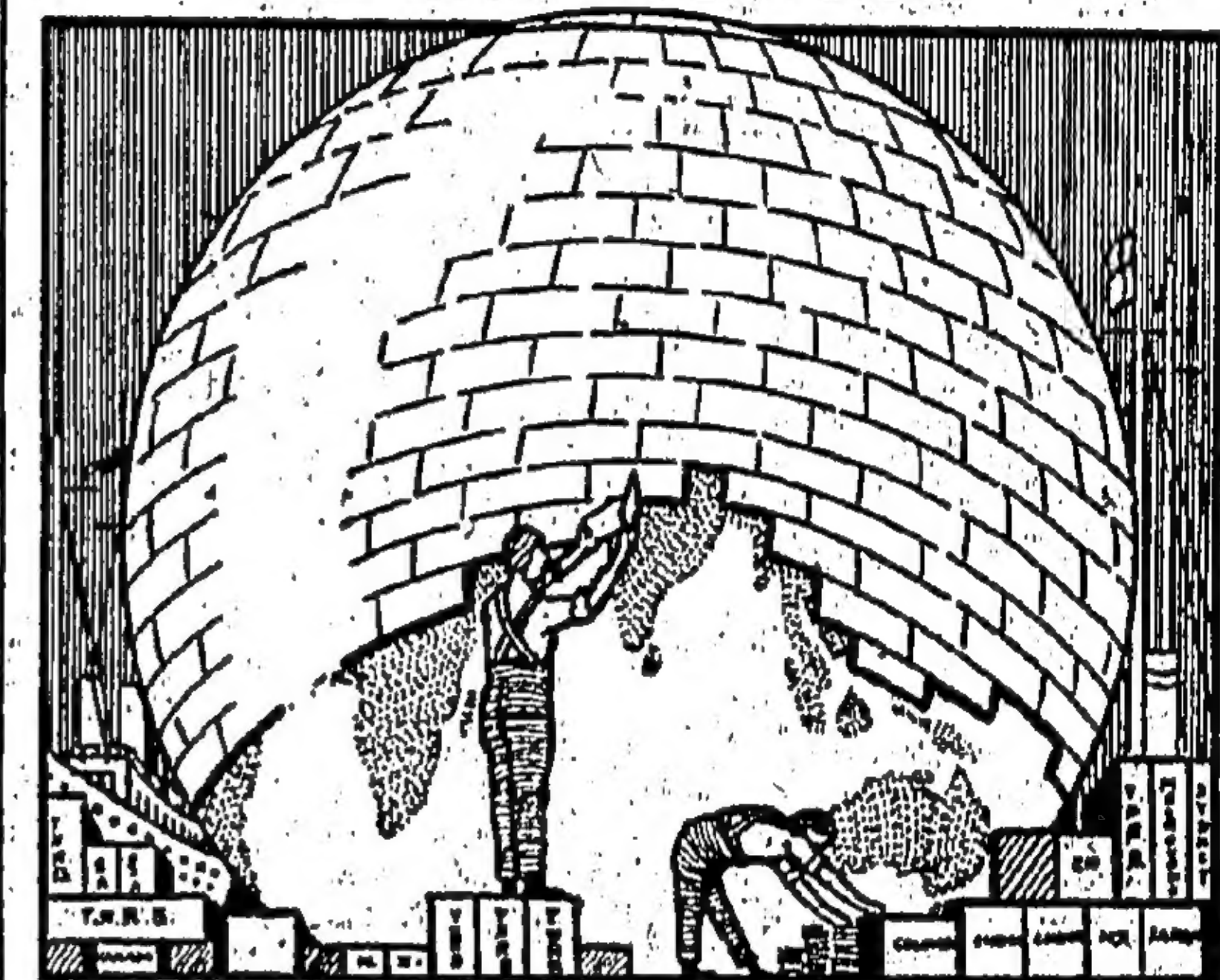
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WOMAN'S WORLD
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London Gossip.

[By "Joan"]

Feb. 14.

The Queen's sister-law, the Dowager Lady Cambridge, has definitely decided to sell Shotton Hall, and will in future make her chief home in London. Shotton Hall is already in the market, and Shrewsbury is wondering very much concerning the next owners of the property. The late Lord Cambridge and his wife were ideal "neighbours," who won great personal popularity in the county, and they will not be easy to follow at Shotton.

A Very Moderate Residence.

Shotton Hall itself is a quite moderate residence and a very comfortable one, while commanding views in a district which has many. It has none of the overwhelming magnificence and formality which some folk associate with anything which is even nearly a Royal residence.

During the last few years Shotton has been nearly a Royal residence, seeing that it was the home of the Queen's brother and received many informal visits from Royal personages. Queen Mary frequently stayed with her brother, and the new owner of the Hall will be able to have a legitimate "Queen's bedroom."

Two Clever Dancers.

At a party given by Stella Benson, well known in Hongkong, and a well-known novelist, I saw the dancing of two clever girls, Lois Hutton and Helene Vanel, who are well known in Paris and on the Riviera.

This was the first time they had danced in London since the days when they were with Margaret Morris, and they have evolved a very distinctive style of their own which should, I think, make a great hit if they decide to appear professionally in England.

Their "Sorellerie Obscure" dance was a study in the macabre. Dressed in strange, black, transparent draperies, with cold, grey-green limelight on their whitened faces, they were most effective. The dance was symbolical of a cold wooing—when the female takes the initiative and the male is the passive partner.

A Novelist's Holiday.

Mrs. Anderson—for such is Stella Benson in private life—

Be-tasseled.



Heavy silk tassels make an unusual trimming on a spring hat of the new cafe creme sunburn beige felt.

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A Smart Touch.



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orange juice over the pulp and leave on ice for a short time. Serve in cocktail glasses.

Grape-Fruit Cocktail.

To every cup of grape-fruit pulp add half a cup of shredded pineapple. Sprinkle with caster sugar and leave on ice till thoroughly chilled. To serve put into cocktail glasses and decorate with preserved cherries.

Lobster Cocktail.

Over half a breakfast cup of chopped lobster meat pour three tablespoons of tomato ketchup and two tablespoons of lemon juice, adding a slight sprinkling of minced chives and a pinch of salt. After chilling on ice serve in cocktail glasses.

Oyster Cocktail.

Mix together eight small fresh oysters, a tablespoon of tomato ketchup, a dessertspoon of lemon juice, a teaspoon of finely chopped celery, about half a teaspoon of any favourite relish, and a pinch of salt. Place on ice and, when thoroughly chilled, serve in glasses.

and her husband are infrequent visitors to London, for he holds an official post in Manchuria.

They are at present on a year's leave, and have taken a furnished flat in Cornwall-gardens, quite near Margaret Kennedy's old home, but as soon as the spring comes they are off to Spain and then to Austria.

"Good-bye, Stranger," Stella Benson's latest novel, is one of the three books up for the Femina

Overdoing it.

EXTREMES OF FASHION.

Almost every new fashion in woman's dress, however extraordinary it may seem on its first appearance, grows eventually in public favour.

There are only a few dichords left who vituperate against shingles, short skirts and the slim outline. However, there are extremes of fashion and extremists amongst its devotees that need an occasional check.

We have frequently endorsed the observations of medical men who pointed out the folly of the practice among women who were not naturally sylph-like of under-nourishing themselves to cultivate the fashionable alimpy outline.

Even worse is the practice to which a doctor drew attention at Home recently, and which consists of drinking quantities of vinegar to produce artificial alimpy.

The natural, healthy woman, even if she is a little out of fashion, is surely preferable to a pickled Venus.

prize for the best novel of the year.

"Man with Red Hair."

Mr. Hugh Walpole is taking the greatest interest in the stage version of his story, "The Man With Red Hair," which is to be produced in London this month.

He has never had a novel dramatised before, and has never seriously tried his hand at a play. Yet he is keenly interested in the theatre. Long before the Moscow Art Theatre was generally known he discovered it, and he was one of the first English admirers, too, of the Chauve Souris Company when they played in a Russian cellar in true cabaret style.

Colour in the Bathroom.

Original, ideas are valuable nowadays when everybody is longing for novelties. How would you like to take your bath in a room with walls of frosted glass, tinted any colour you like? The only light in the enchanting room comes from behind the walls, so that one is bathed in a lovely coloured glow.

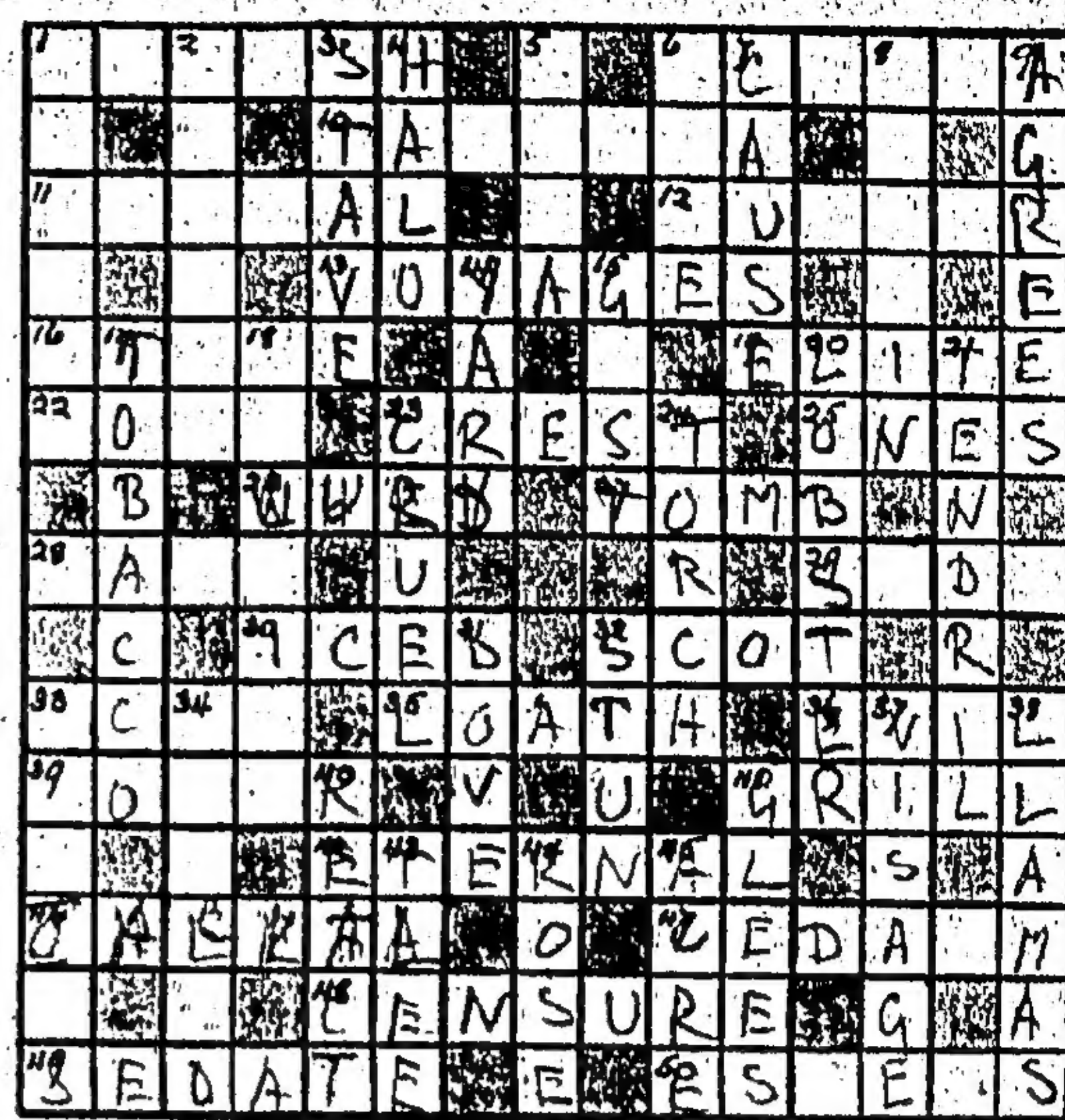
This is one of the ideas that will be carried out by a firm that the Countess of Ypres proposes to start. She will concentrate entirely upon kitchens and bathrooms.

Evening Smartness.



A new note gaining popularity in the smart world is the close-fitting evening cap. The hair is entirely covered by this one, of brown tulle, trimmed with rows of gold beads radiating from the back. A cluster of the blue crystal leaves covers each ear.

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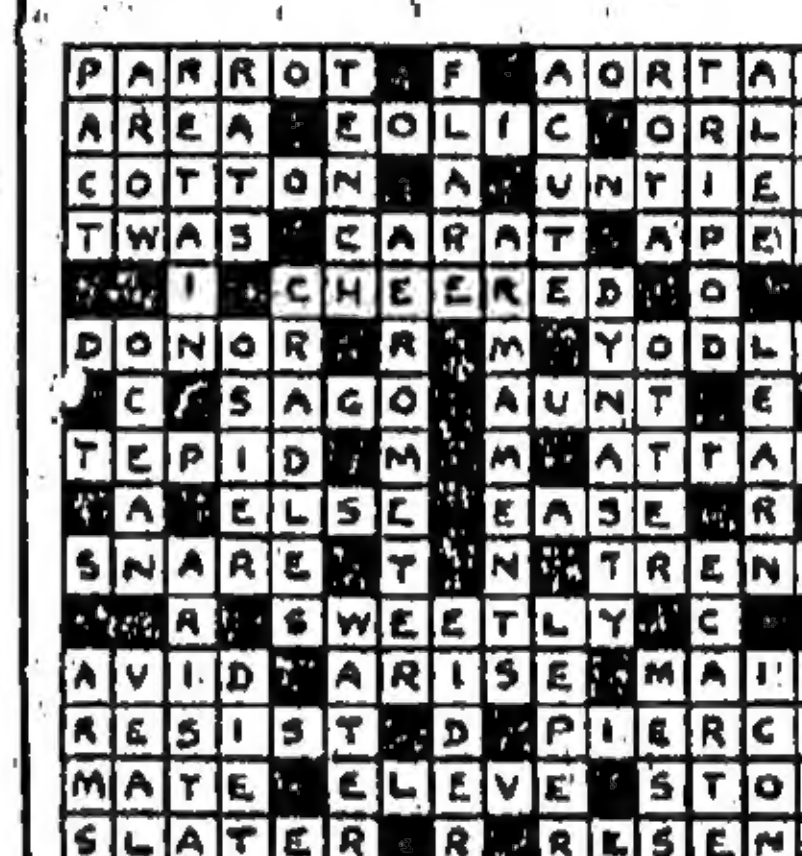
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- 2 Genus of ornamental plants.
- 3 Farinaceous substance prepared from cassava meal.
- 4 Appearing like rays.
- 5 Gather.
- 6 Journeys by water.
- 7 Flannel applied to a wound.
- 8 Best.
- 9 One's own abode.
- 10 Top of a wave.
- 11 Unite.
- 12 Congruent part of milk.
- 13 Grave.
- 14 Stride.
- 15 Floating vegetation.
- 16 Covered with ice.
- 17 Tax.
- 18 Scrutinize.
- 19 Unwilling.
- 20 Sin.
- 21 One who drinks to excess.
- 22 Brawl.
- 23 Lasting for ever.
- 24 Hunting leopard.
- 25 Made of cedar.
- 26 Condemnation.
- 27 Calm in feelings and manner.
- 28 Compounds of the higher fatty acids.

Down.

- 1 To die.
- 2 Wearisomeness.
- 3 Stanzas (Plur.).
- 4 Luminous circle round the moon.
- 5 The seed of Surinam.
- 6 Furthest point attained.
- 7 That which produces an effect.
- 8 Blossom of the Willow.
- 9 Harmonizes in opinion.

- 14 English measure of length.
- 15 Trend of a conversation.
- 16 Used for smoking.
- 17 Principal which forms the basis of vegetable jelly.
- 18 Crustacean allied to a crab.
- 19 Spiral shoot of a plant (Bot.).
- 20 Hard hearted.
- 21 Flambéed.
- 22 Pigeon.
- 23 Ronder senaceous.
- 24 Stores.
- 25 Attach.
- 26 Countenance.
- 27 Vast grassy plains of S. America.
- 28 Act again.
- 29 Interwoven melodies.
- 30 You.
- 31 Sweet scented garden flower.
- 32 Measure of land.

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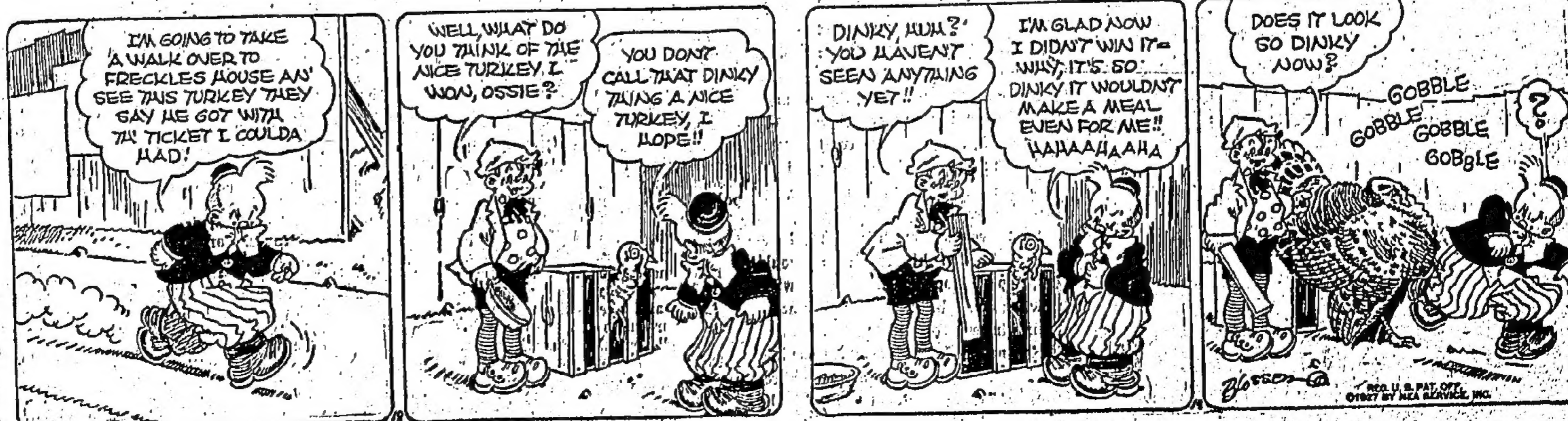
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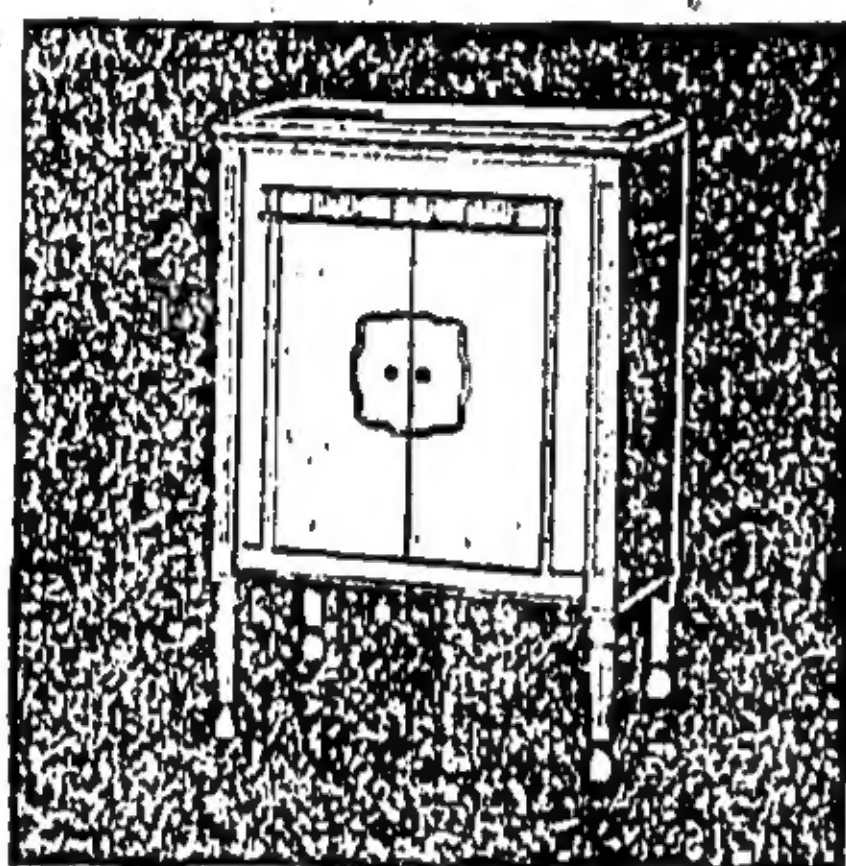
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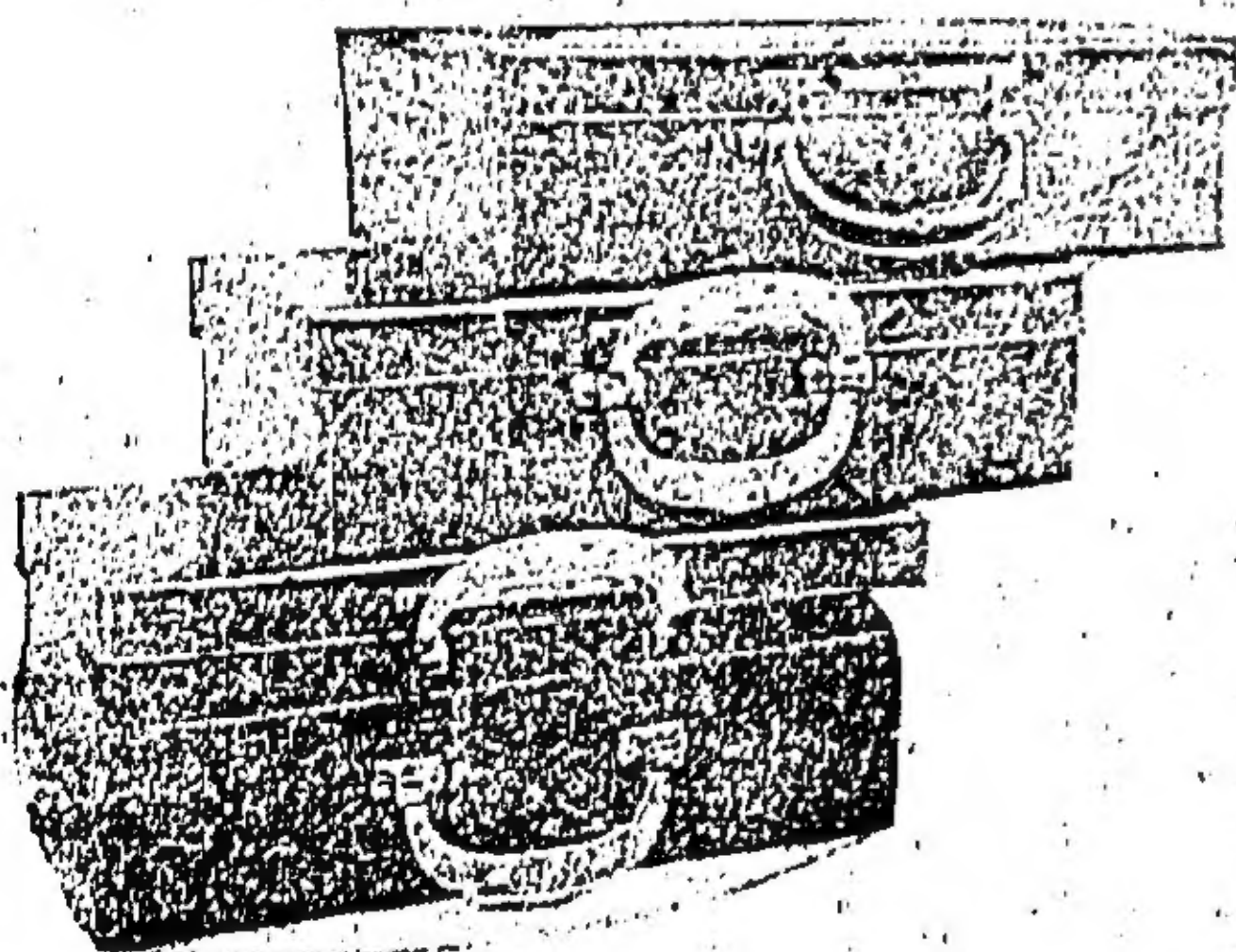
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1928.

CANTON & NANKING.

There is still considerable speculation in Chinese circles as to the precise reason for Marshal Li Chai-sum's visit to Nanking. There appears, however, to be a consensus of opinion that, in view of the urgency of the call from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Canton leader could not very well have refrained from obeying the summons, especially as he has all along stressed his loyalty to the Kuomintang Party. That military matters are to be discussed when Chiang and Li meet there cannot be any doubt, and in this connexion it will be specially interesting to see whether active Southern participation in the big military campaign against Peking is being sought by the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief. Marshal Li, in the interview which he had with Shanghai vernacular newspapermen yesterday, is credited with saying that he will discuss with Chiang Kai-shek measures for pressing on with the Northern Expedition, as well as plans for the reorganisation of the Southern Armies, but nothing was disclosed as to the possibility of the Southern troops being required to go into the field.

In his recent speeches during the exchange of official visits between Hongkong and Canton, Marshal Li laid much emphasis on the task of reconstruction which lay before the Canton Government. His observations, together with those of some of his colleagues, left an impression that the Southern leaders regarded the securing of peace and order and the carrying out of large schemes of reconstruction in the Two Kwangs as of greater importance than military operations. In that view, Chinese and foreign observers alike concurred, and there were strong hopes that Marshal Li and his colleagues would grasp the opportunity of showing what could be done to make model provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Past experience had shown that, once before, large reconstruction projects had to be abandoned when the call came for Southern troops to go into the field

against the North. For, let it be remembered, support to military operations involves a drain upon financial resources as well as manpower. It is not at present without interest here to take note of some observations made last week by one of the Shanghai newspapers, to the effect that Canton was doing well by showing a disinclination to take an active part in the Northern campaign. The attitude of Marshal Li Chai-sum was, by the commentator, described as one of downright common-sense, and the only regret expressed was that Shanghai, by reason of its close proximity to Nanking, could not take up a strong stand along the same lines. The point was further emphasised that a huge sum of money left Shanghai every month with no hope of return, being expended upon the Northern expedition and the maintenance of loyalty among the troops and such allies as Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. "Shanghai," said this writer, "can no more afford to cast money into the sea than can the Southern metropolis." The conclusion reached was that if the Nationalists succeeded in occupying Peking, Shanghai might be in a position to keep her funds in her own hands for home development, but until that time comes, if the Nanking Government is still intent upon further conquest, Shanghai might just as well resign herself to her fate.

The point that arises out of all these thoughts is that the Nationalists could be far better employed at present than in expending their energies on military expeditions. It is certain that, whatever Nanking does, Canton could find much more valuable and constructive work close at hand at home. It is to be presumed that important decisions affecting this point will be reached in the conferences between Marshal Chiang and Marshal Li—decisions which will have a considerable effect on the duration of the latter's absence from Canton. According to yesterday's telegram, the Southern leader asserted that the troops of Kwangtung and Kwangsi would need to be thoroughly reorganised before they could join the Northern expedition, but whether that remark implies any willingness to take part in the campaign, time alone will tell.

The Zinovieff Letter.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin cannot be accused of the habit of sensationalism, but he made skilful use of the weapon placed in his hands by the public-spirited Mr. Conrad Im Thurn. The disclosure following the Labour allegations of deliberate concoction of the Zinovieff Letter, and of political intrigue for the express purpose of influencing the General Election of 1924, was almost as dramatic in its way as the publication of the notorious document. The genuineness of the letter must now be beyond question, and though we can sympathise with the Labour Party that the bombshell was cast into the political field at a critical moment, and the Conservative argument notwithstanding, undoubtedly affected the national poll, it is gratifying that the integrity of British politics has come through the scandal unscathed. There has always been doubt expressed of the authenticity of the document, but Mr. Baldwin's further disclosures regarding Mr. Chicherin's conversations with his Moscow colleagues, must be thoroughly satisfying to the most vigorous opponents of the Government. Soviet intrigue has had to bear the light of publicity to an extent which has caused all prominent Labour leaders to react violently against Communist doctrines and to sever relations with Moscow. We are not sure whether Mr. Ramsay MacDonald feels happy at being linked with Sir Austen Chamberlain in the frequent traductions of British politicians emanating from Moscow, but the leader of the Labour Party may be certain that the average man will look upon it as a recommendation. A despairing note has already been struck in Moscow, and the forlorn hope of making progress by waging open war on all British political parties is the latest decision of the Plenum of the Executive of the Komintern. There is even talk of Mr. Tom Mann being nominated at Aberdeen to oppose Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the next General Elec-

DAY-BY-DAY.

MEN ARE ALWAYS INVOKING JUSTICE, IT IS JUSTICE WHICH SHOULD MAKE THEM TREMBLE.—Madama Swetchine.

The B. I. s. Takada, from Singapore, is due here on the 26th instant.

The P. and O. s. Karmala, from Shanghai, is due here on Friday at 7 a.m.

The Empress of Asia arrived at Manila on Tuesday at 10 a.m., leaves that port on Saturday and is due at Hongkong on Monday at 10 a.m.

H. M. S. Tern and H. M. S. Gannet, the new river gunboats recently assembled at local yards, sail to-day for Shanghai for service on the Yangtze. They will be escorted by two destroyers.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases showed three cases of typhoid (one Italian and the others Chinese), and one each of small-pox (Chinese), diphtheria (British) and paratyphoid fever (Indian).

Chinese arriving from Hoiung state that the notorious Communist chief, Pang Pal, following the defeat of the "Red" Army, has gone to Amoy. He is said to have arrived there a few days ago, travelling under the name of Cheung.

Singapore papers state that Mr. A. C. Wentworth Lewis, editor of the Straits Times, whose death was reported a few days ago, had been ill for several weeks, and that shortly before his demise he underwent an operation in the General Hospital.

A student, named Lui Ming-fai, 13 years of age, was admitted to the Government Hospital yesterday suffering from concussion of the brain and minor abrasions as a result of falling down several stone steps while playing at the Ellis Kadoorie School.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed this morning by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a Chinese who had returned to the Colony after having been banished for five years from 1927. The defendant had two previous convictions against him under the Opium Ordinance.

News has been received from Penang of the death of Mr. D. Mathieson, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Mathieson was electrical engineer with United Engineers in Penang and was just under 40 years of age. He joined the firm in 1914 and was for about ten years in Singapore before going to Penang.

The amalgamation of two well-known Chinese newspapers in Canton is reported. The papers are the Kuo Min Sin Wen and the Min Kuo Yat Pao, both being Kuomintang organs. It is stated that recently the Canton Political Council decided that these papers should combine and come under the direct control of the Council.

The current attraction at the World Theatre is "A Society Scandal," featuring Gloria Swanson. The story has to do with the plot by a divorced Society lady to have revenge against the lawyer whose ruthless handling of the case took away her reputation. There is a thrilling and unexpected climax, in which Gloria Swanson is responsible for some powerful acting. Rod La Rocque, Ricardo Cortez and Allan Simpson are included in the cast.

And yet some-one once wrote that a fool lacked a sense of humour.

Russia and Disarmament.

Russia is making a brave show by her sweeping proposals to the Disarmament Committee requesting it to base its further efforts on the principle of complete disarmament of all the nations of the world. The Soviet expresses willingness to abolish all land, sea and air forces within four years, if other nations are prepared to do the same. The idea is not new, but unfortunately, the millennium has not yet come. We suspect Mr. Litvinoff will look in vain for immediate active support from any of the Powers, including the United States. We remember that Mr. Curtis Wilbur, in advocating the building of more cruisers, urged that the impressiveness of warships lying the Stars and Stripes would be an advertisement to the United States and would tend to increase commercial prospects. For these, and other reasons, we doubt if even the reduced cruiser programme will be sacrificed to the new and awe-inspiring Disarmament god, which could only have been conceived in the labyrinths of a Moscow mind.

CYNIC, PESSIMIST AND ICONOCLAST.

CELEBRATION OF IBSEN CENTENARY.

Oslo, Mar. 20. A salute of twenty-one guns was fired at all Norwegian fortresses to-day in connexion with the centenary of the famous poet and dramatist, Ibsen.

The centenary was celebrated throughout Norway and considerable interest was also taken in England.

Oslo was besieged for the occasion, and a British representative was among the speakers at a ceremony at the cemetery where the poet is buried.—*Reuter.*

Henrik Ibsen, who was born at Skien, a small southern Norwegian timber port, on Mar. 20, 1828, is famous for his bitter satires on civilisation with which he stung Europe into fury.

His early years were unhappy, and in the midst of the effete puritanism and social prejudices of the Norwegian provincial life, he gathered rich material for his attacks on the fabric of civilisation.

His earliest work *Catilina* (1850) was purely historical and was inspired by his reading of Sallust and Cicero, but he became director of the Bergen Theatre in 1851 and began to write for its productions, though unfortunately most of the MSS has been destroyed with the notable exception of the vigorous historical drama "Lady Inger of Ostrat."

Ibsen, the cynic and satirist, however, did not make his debut until 1852, when he wrote *Love's Comedy*, cleverly written in epigrammatic verse. In "Brand" he attacked pietism, and in 1869 he began writing his remarkable prose dramas which gave him European significance.

He attacked the whole fabric of modern government, gave brilliant studies in feminism, exploited to the full the possibilities of hereditary disease as a dramatic motif in plays concerning marriage. Everything he wrote was consummately skilful in technique, and he gained for himself a place in Art which is only enhanced by the passage of time.

CANTON'S NEW POLICE CHIEF.

THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE POST.

Since the resignation of General Tang Yin-wah from the post of Chief of Police and the appointment of General Tang Shi-chang to the position, rumour have prevailed in Canton that the latter would not be likely to hold the post for any length of time. Interviewed by a reporter, however, a prominent official of the Government asserted that General Tang Shi-chang was the right man for the post.

The official added:—"As Commander-in-Chief of the Canton City Garrison troops, Tang Shi-chang was and is still known for his activity in checking the Communist elements and in adopting the most drastic measures for the defence of the city against reactionary movements. The placing of the city in the hands of one man, as the Government is now doing, will result in security and stability being attained."

'SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID.

THE SEDITIOUS LITERATURE CASE.

The three Chinese who were arrested in the course of a police raid on No. 7, Cross Street, and later charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell for possession of seditious literature, appeared again before his Worship this morning, when the police asked for a further remand, as the translation of some of the documents seized in the raid had not yet been completed.

Sergeant Whelan, who was prosecuting asked his Worship to withdraw the charge against one of the three accused, as there was no evidence to offer against him. His Worship accordingly discharged this man and fixed the hearing of the case against the remaining two for 11.30 a.m. on Friday.

OBSERVATORY PREDICTS RAIN.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anti-cyclone has weakened. It is now central over the Bonins. Another has formed over North China. The depression has deepened and is central over Hokkaido. The monsoon will set in again along the China Coast. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate, cloudy; some rain later.

The Very Idea!

"Well, they've stopped the crime wave in Chicago.
"Good. How did they do it?"
"By charging for board and lodging in the jails."

Four queens and an empress called on King George's next door neighbour at his Sandringham estate. When the late Mrs. Eleanor Coates Tylden, Lady of the Manor of Ingoldthorpe, who recently died in her 105th year, was 100 years old, Queen Mary, the Queen of Norway, the Queen of Spain, the Queen of Rumania and the Dowager Empress of Russia called on her. She inherited this famous Old World manorial estate from her brother, the late Rev. James Bellamy, for many years president of St. John's College, Oxford.

Female defendant: I want this case remanded so that I can get legal proceedings. I'm going to result a solicitor.

Solicitor (pleading for leniency for client): The defendant has not been convicted since she was last before the Court.

Female defendant: If you give me time to pay, yer washup, I'll go right away straightaway and you won't hear of me no more.

Magistrate: No time, then.

Someone had blundered very sadly. The company had marched and marched with full kit 25 miles along the wrong route. So the Colonel tried tact.

"Halt" (sighs of relief from the ranks.) "Men, you have done splendidly, but we've taken the wrong road. We are scheduled to reach billets to-night. If we can't, there's nothing for it but the roadside here. Now, men, to the other side of the road those who are not willing to walk back the 25 miles now."

To the other side sprang the entire company—but one. He was now, and he did not look a hero. The Colonel muttered his disappointment in the rest, and then smiled at the solitary one. "I admire your pluck, my single hero," he began "but why do you want to go back? Just a soldier's grit?"

The recruit pulled his weary feet together. "Scuse me, sir, no. We walk back 25 miles now. I'm too darned sore to cross the road."

One of the strangest posts held by a woman is that of Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt, of the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn-fields, whose work is the cleaning of 10,000 odd skulls and skeletons. "I have been doing this work for twelve years now," she told a Press representative recently. "Some of them are very fragile. One, for example, is a Neanderthaloid skull, which was found in Gibraltar, and is one of the oldest human relics in the world. Another very delicate task is dusting a 6,000-years-old Egyptian mummy."

The touring company had not struck oil, and some of the actors were forced to sleep on the stage for the night. One of them woke up exclaiming with a shiver, "It's beastly cold here, laddie."

"No wonder," answered his companion, "we're sleeping in a field. Hi! Stage Manager! Lower an interior."

A mysterious, silent, crippled young woman, claimed by many to be the only survivor of the tragedy of Ekaterinburg, where the Russian Imperial Family were murdered in 1918, was hurried off the liner Berengaria at New York into a waiting motor car and whisked away to the country estate of Mrs. William B. Leeds, the former Princess Xenia.

All efforts of reporters to interview her were unsuccessful. Newspaper men who went down the bay to meet the fogbound liner found the lady's stateroom locked and guarded by Mr. Geib Botkin, described as the son of the physician to the Russian Imperial Family. Mr. Botkin says he is positive that the young woman is the Grand Duchess Anastasia, and claims that he played with her as a child, and that they grew up together.

The lady's future plans, as well as the reason for her journey to America, are unknown. It was stated that an announcement would be made later.

An Englishman travelling in Ireland came to a ford and hired a boat to take him across. The water being more agitated than was agreeable to him, he asked the boatman if any person was ever lost in the passage.

"Never," replied Pat; "my brother was drowned here last week, but we found him again the next day."

"I am just amusing baby," was the reply.
"But I don't see baby," said his mother.
"Oh, he's inside the dustbin!"

LIFE SENTENCE AT SINGAPORE.

FOR WOULD-BE ASSASSIN OF C. C. WU.

ACCUSED'S SPEECH.

"I was sent here by the Communist Party in China to bring light to the labouring classes in China," said Cheong Yok-kai, the would-be assassin of Dr. C. C. Wu and the shooter of Dr. Lim Boon Keng, when in the dock at the Singapore Assizes last week on two charges of attempted murder. The accused pleaded guilty, and the Deputy Public Prosecutor (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley) repeated the facts regarding the Hill Street shooting which are already familiar to the public. He added that a Malay car driver named Mohamed bin Shariff, who saw the accused and two other men following Dr. Wu and also saw him fire a pistol and throw two bombs, chased the accused, and in spite of the fact that the accused twice turned and pointed his pistol at him he continued to chase and ran the man to earth in a compound on Fort Canning Hill. Another Malay named Bepoh bin Wahid joined in the chase and assisted in the arrest. Six rounds of ammunition were found on the accused, and a pistol which was found nearby showed signs of having been fired in all six chambers.

Accused's Statement.

The accused, asked if he had anything to say, stated that he came to Singapore with instructions from the Communist Party in China to kill Dr. Wu, Mr. Sunfo, and Mr. Wu Hap-min (members of the Nationalist delegation). The powers of the Communist Party in China had recently been greatly reduced.

His Lordship—I don't want to hear about the Communist Party in China. We are dealing with Singapore.

Accused said his instructions were to tell the people in Malaya and to enlighten them as to what the ideals of the Communist Party were.

His Lordship (to the interpreter):—Tell him that nobody would object to his enlightening the people as much as he pleased so long as he did not encourage them to break the law. It is no excuse to tell me that he was sent here by the Communist Party or by anybody else to do murder. He is responsible for his actions. He cannot plead to me that anybody sent him here to do murder in this country.

His Lordship sentenced the accused to penal servitude for life. Accused said he did not intend to shoot Dr. Lim Boon Keng, and apparently he had more to say, but he was removed from the dock.

DOUBTS ABOUT A DOG.

INDIAN CONSTABLE'S LACK OF PROOF.

Mr. A. E. Hall, the well-known solicitor, was summoned before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, for allowing his dog to wander abroad without a muzzle.

An Indian constable said he saw the animal, a brown Chow, leap over the wall of No. 61, Conduit Road. It eluded him by running into Mr. A. E. Hall's house nearby.

Mr. Hall questioned witness's right to be in that particular locality, and in submitting that there was no case for him to answer, suggested that further enquiries should have been made. It was true that he owned not one, but several dogs, but had it been proved by the constable that the animal belonged to him, excepting that it was seen to run into his house?

The constable should have investigated further—he should have endeavoured to take the dog's collar number.

The summons was dismissed.

KNIVES AND TORCHES.

TWO CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

Sentences of six weeks' hard labour each were imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on two Chinese who were each charged with being in possession of a knife and an electric torch.

The defendants were both arrested in Reclamation Street, near Hamilton Street, at 2.45 a.m. yesterday. The first defendant had the knife in his stocking and the torch in his pocket while the second accused also carried his knife in his stocking but had the torch concealed up his sleeve.

Both defendants were convicted of being in possession of implements fit for an unlawful purpose.

THE "MUNCASTER CASTLE."

FINE VESSEL FOR FAR EASTERN SERVICE.

We have received from Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., the local agents, particulars of the launching of the Muncaster Castle, the second of Messrs. James Chambers, new motor steamers to be placed on the New York-Far East run.

Built by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Company at their Birkenhead yards, the Muncaster Castle was christened on February 9th by Mrs. Edward John Barber, of New York, wife of the president of the Barber Steamship Lines, Inc. She was constructed to the orders of the Lancashire Shipping Co., Ltd., of Liverpool, of which Messrs. James Chambers and Co. are the managers.

The launching ceremony was in every way an unqualified success, the ship taking the water within a comparatively short period of the time when Mrs. Barber pulled the trigger which automatically released the launching gear.

The Muncaster Castle was taken in tow and placed in Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co.'s large basin, where she will be completed, and her machinery placed on board.

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Two complete steel decks run all fore and aft, and in addition there are forecath, long bridge, and poop decks. Five large holds are available for cargo and also five tween decks spaces, all with extra large hatches. Two deep tanks are fitted amidships for the carriage of oil, &c. Steel derricks are provided at the masts for working the cargo, one being suitable for 30-ton lifts, 10 for 8-ton lifts, and 2 for 5-ton lifts. Powerful electric winches are installed at the masts and special arrangements made for dealing with heavy loads. A large, warping winch, electrically-driven, is fitted on the poop. A powerful electric winch is provided on the forecath deck, the motor being installed on the deck below. Electro-hydraulic steering gear is fitted in a house aft, and is controlled by telemotor gear from the navigating bridge forward, and rods and pendants from the docking bridge aft.

Accommodation for officers and engineers is provided in separate houses on the bridge deck, the cabins being well fitted with all modern comforts.

The captain's rooms, two state rooms and a smoking room, are situated on the lower bridge immediately above the officers' accommodation, while the wireless operators and W/T instrument room are on the navigating bridge immediately aft of the chart room. Six staterooms are provided for passengers; they are tastefully decorated and upholstered in good style. The dining saloon is in a house at the forward end of the bridge deck, and has seating accommodation for 16 persons. The two main engines are four-stroke cycle, single-acting reversible Diesels, of the Werkspoor type, and have been supplied by The North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. They are of improved design, each engine having six cylinders of 730 m/m diameter by 1,500 m/m stroke. The machinery has been constructed to comply with the requirements for Lloyd's highest class.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A report of a highway robbery has been made to the police by a Chinese hawk, who stated that he was attacked by five persons while walking along the Shaikwan Road, near the Ming Yuen Gardens, last night.

The hawk says his assailants knocked him down and gagged him, after which they cut off his belt, in one of the pouches of which there was a sum of \$15.

The incident occurred at 9 p.m. and a report was made by the victim to the Bay View Police Station soon afterwards.

HAWKER ATTACKED BY FIVE MEN.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, on Thursday, April 12, at 12 noon.

BRITONS IN CHINA ARMIES.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN COMMONS.

FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT NOT INFRINGED.

THE OFFICIAL VIEW.

An interesting debate took place in the House of Commons recently regarding the service of British subjects in rival armies during the civil war in China.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what British subjects are serving or have been serving during the civil war in China in the various rival armies; whether any steps are taken to prevent this infringement of the Foreign Enlistment Act and, if so, what are they; whether any steps are taken to deal with such persons who break the law; and if it was with his knowledge and consent that Captain Talbot Lehmann served as aeronautical adviser to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin?

"A Captain Sutton."

Sir A. Chamberlain replied:—So far as I know, no British subjects are or have been serving in any Chinese army during the present civil war. A Captain Sutton was formerly employed in the Mukden Arsenal, but resigned his post at the beginning of last year. A Mr. Talbot-Lehmann was employed as an instructor in aviation by General Chang Hsueh-liang last year, but resigned on October 8 last. They have both, I understand, left China.

Such action by British subjects would not, I am advised, constitute an infringement of the Foreign Enlistment Act, but it is possible that it might be held to constitute an offence against Article 75 of the China Order-in-Council, 1925, as actual participation in the present hostilities certainly would. Messrs. Sutton and Talbot-Lehmann were officially warned of the provision in question.

Other measures adopted to prevent British subjects from taking up service in the Chinese armies were described in my reply to the hon. member for Penistone (Mr. Rennie Smith) on May 23 last. The reply to the last part of the hon. and gallant member's question is in the negative.

Straining the Order.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy:—Am I to understand the right hon. gentleman draws a distinction therefore between a British subject who served with a rifle in the ranks and a British subject employed in an arsenal in designing cannon or aeroplanes? Is not that rather straining the Order-in-Council to the utmost?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—No, sir. I do not really undertake as a layman to interpret this Article on my own authority nor even the Order-in-Council, but I am advised that the interpretation which I place upon both of these documents is probably the correct one. I have observed that His Majesty's Minister in Peking refused to assist one of these gentlemen in a prosecution against the Chinese Government, because he infringed the Order-in-Council.

Question of Punishment.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy:—Are we to understand that no steps are being taken in any way to reprimand or to punish these officers; and what would the right hon. gentleman do if they had served in that capacity with the Nationalist Army, for example?

Colonel Howard-Bury:—Is it not a fact that there was not a very great difference during the war between a munition worker in this country and a coal heaver?

Colonel Day:—Can the right hon. gentleman say whether there is any precedent for the interpretation which has just been given?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—If the hon. member wants precedents, he must put a question on the Paper. If there are any, I will give them.

No Distinctions.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy:—What would happen to those who served in the Nationalist army?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I conceive that exactly the same thing would happen. One of these gentlemen—perhaps the hon. Member would like me to read the letter addressed to me by—[Hon. Members:—"No, No!"]—I will show the hon. and gallant member a copy.

Lieut.-Colonel Henegge:—Is it not a fact that the British Empire was largely built up by the gallant actions of adventurers such as these?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I do not wish to encourage those gentlemen to engage in exploits of this kind on the ground that they are assisting to build up the British Empire.

ACCIDENT TO LADY TOURISTS.

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA PARTY.

Tokyo, Mar. 4.

One English lady and two American ladies, all of them passengers aboard the world-girdling C.P.O.S. Empress of Australia, were victims in a motor crash near Kamakura yesterday. They were Mrs. Clara A. Hunt (56) of Birmingham, England; Mrs. Paul J. Christian (62) of Washington, D.C.; and Miss Josephine L. Higgins (42) of New York. The first-named sustained a broken leg, while the others received numerous bruises and lacerations. The driver of the car, a Japanese, escaped unscathed.

The party left Yokohama for Kamakura, and the treacherous slush that invariably follows a fall of snow in Japan caused the car to skid, collide with a telephone post and turn turtle. Help was summoned by the chauffeur and the unfortunate lady tourists were given first aid at a Kamakura hospital and afterwards brought to Yokohama. All will be able to take the boat when she leaves Yokohama, but Mrs. Hunt will have to keep her leg in a plaster cast for the rest of the trip.—N. C. Daily News.

GOATS GRAZE IN PLANTATION.

TWO INDIANS FINED AT KOWLOON.

Two Indian goat-owners were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with trespassing in a Government plantation off the Tai-po Road and with allowing a number of goats to graze on the hillside.

The defendants pleaded guilty, remarking that there were only nine goats on the plantation.

Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, prosecuted. He said that although there were many more than nine goats under the control of the two defendants, he was not in a position to prove that all the animals belonged to the two men.

On the first charge, his Worship fined each defendant \$15 and, on the second, fines of \$30 were imposed.

The s.s. On Lee will go into dock on Sunday for the replacement of a damaged propeller blade. Her schedule will not be affected as the ship will sail as usual on Monday evening.

"TAMING" MR. COOLIDGE.

ATTEMPT TO INCREASE FLOOD APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 17.

Another attempt to head off the Big Navy Bill has been made by the Flood Control Committee of the House of Representatives, which recommends an appropriation of \$94,600,000 to hold the Mississippi and its tributaries in check.

A board of army engineers had been appointed by the President to devise plans for the recommended expenditure of \$58,000,000, 80 per cent. of which was to be borne by the Government and the remaining 20 per cent. by the States affected. The House committee not only raises the amount to be expended by \$36,600,000, but would saddle the whole amount on the Government. To this Mr. Coolidge is strenuously opposed, and he intimates that he will veto the Bill if it passes Congress.

Unless the President can be "tamed" as his opponents express it, the States will have to bear 20 per cent. of the cost of the flood measures. Naturally, they prefer to have the whole amount carried by the country instead of its being made a charge upon a few of the less wealthy States.

A Dutch vessel, the s.s. Van Heutz, from the Straits, arriving with 1,366 deck passengers, reports the death of three Asiatics en route. The bodies were buried at sea. The master also reports a birth on board.

A Chinese who attempted to alight from a moving tramcar in Shaikwan main road, yesterday morning, fell so heavily that he lost consciousness for a time. He was later removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 27 departures, leaving 59 vessels in harbour of which 17 were British. Tonnage was fair, but inward cargoes were generally low, the British total being less than 1,000 tons. Through freights were individually better.

CATHOLIC FATHER'S DEATH.

IN SINGAPORE HOSPITAL AFTER ACCIDENT.

FRACTURED SKULL.

Singapore newspapers record the death at the General Hospital, on the 13th inst., following an accident, of the Right Reverend Monsignor Emile Joseph Mariette, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Malacca, and Vicar of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Queen Street, Singapore.

It appears he had just taken the catechism class at the French Convent and had driven down to Kampong Bahru to inspect the work at the new Church of St. Teresa. While in front of the building a piece of plank fell from the steeple, striking his head with such force that his skull was smashed.

The Rev. Father was at once removed to the General Hospital where an operation was performed, but it was found that the injury was fatal and he succumbed later.

Father Mariette, as he was commonly known, was born in Arranches in Normandy, in 1863. He arrived in Singapore in January, 1887, when he was stationed there to acquire a knowledge of the Hokien and Teochew dialects, in which he later became very proficient. He served successively in Batu Gajah, Penang, Machang Bubus, and Taiping.

In 1903 he returned to Singapore as Vicar of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, a position he retained up to his death. In 1913 he was made Vicar-General, and during the absence of Monsignor Barillon, he administered the Diocese of Malacca. He spent 42 years in the Mission, and only once revisited France where he spent 10 months.

His care at the time of his death was the Singapore Chinese Roman Catholics, his church being the Chinese Roman Catholic Church in Queen Street. For the use of his Kampong Bahru parishioners he had decided to build there a church, meeting his death so tragically in that service.

RINGING UP ATLANTIC LINERS.

GERMAN POST OFFICE'S PUBLIC SERVICE.

Berlin, Feb. 17.

After several months of experimenting the German Post Office, in conjunction with the German shipping companies, is now able to offer personal wireless telephone service to those in this country wishing to communicate with German Atlantic liners.

About seventy German ships have already been fitted up with wireless telephones. In these only one-sided conversations can be carried on. With the two liners, Albert Ballin and Columbus, however, passengers can enjoy full telephone conversation with residents in Germany.

As the service is still in its experimental stage Atlantic calls are not guaranteed. The cost of a three-minute conversation is at present \$5, but it is hoped that when a guaranteed service is established the price will be reduced to \$4.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who are the Nuers, who have been the objective of a British expedition?
- 2 What famous gold mine, which has yielded £50,000,000, has just been closed down?
- 3 What is the furthest distance north to which wireless has penetrated?
- 4 Where in England has an ancient rock prison recently been discovered?
- 5 Of what famous spa near London have the ruins just been found?
- 6 What world-famous book was first published as a newspaper serial more than 200 years ago?
- 7 What tropical disease has been known for many years as "Bill Harrier"?
- 8 In what common vegetable is genuine "tear-gas" to be found?
- 9 What colossal award of damages has just been made in a law court?
- 10 What event is commemorated by the Congressional Hall in Farrington-street, London?
- 11 In the setting-up of what book has a compositor been continuously engaged for forty-six years?
- 12 What people are now declared to be the oldest white race in the world?

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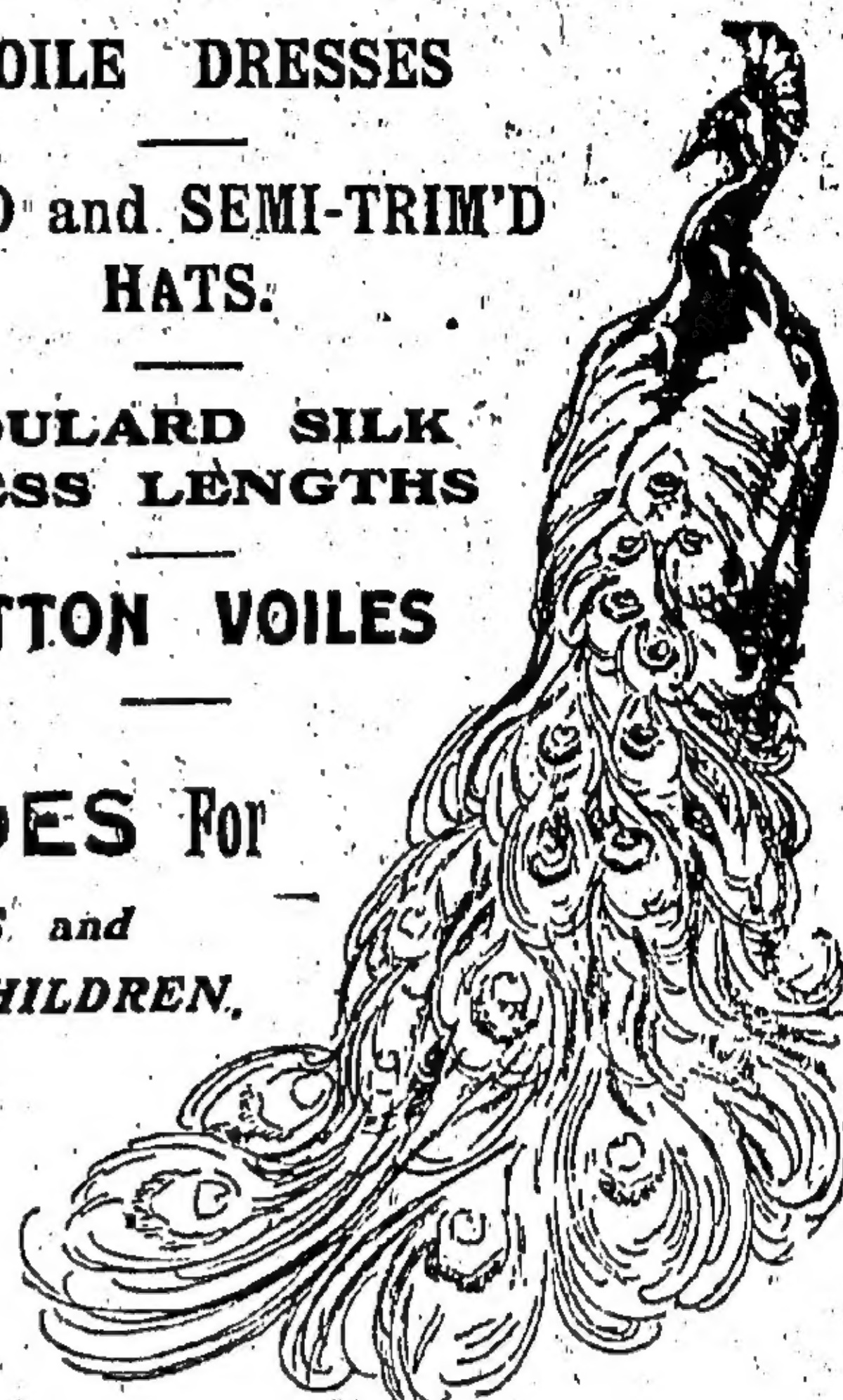
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It is announced that Engr. Commr. B. J. Little, D.S.C., of H. M. Dockyard, Hongkong, will shortly be relieved by Engr. Commr. Hall and will in turn take over duties in the Yangtze in connexion with river craft. He will be on the staff of Rear Admiral H. J. Tweedie in H.M.S. Bee.

The marriage of Mr. Percy Shaw, of the B.A. T., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, of Wallasey, Cheshire, England, to Mrs. Henrietta Claire Chaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stainfield, of Hongkong, was taken place at the British Consulate-General at Shanghai on Saturday.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

TENNIS TOURNAMENT MATCHES.

NG BROTHERS' WIN IN OPEN DOUBLES.

The Open Doubles Championship in the Hongkong Cricket Club tournament yesterday provided a hard fought game when Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung won from Ho Ka-lau and Yow Man-kit, after the latter had made a promising start.

At the beginning the Ng's were far from convincing, their form being below their usual standard, while their opponents scored with understanding and ability. They succeeded in winning the first two sets, losing six games in the process, but, after this, the Ng's showed improvement, Ng Sze-cheung being specially noticeable.

As the match progressed, the improvement in the play of the Ng's continued but their opponents deteriorated, their placing lacking in accuracy and there being less force behind their strokes. The final result was made more or less certain when Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung ran out winners of the fourth set by 6-3. In the last set Ho Ka-lau and Yow Man-kit were only able to win two games and provided but weak opposition.

There was some good tennis seen in the other matches especially in the encounter between R. M. Henderson and A. Brerley, which was extremely well contested, but it was not possible to finish owing to darkness. Another hard game was between R. K. Valentine and J. G. Lawrence in the Handicap Singles "A" when the former won after three sets.

The following are the results:

Open Doubles Championship.

Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung beat Ho Ka-lau and Yow Man-kit 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Major Lucas and Major Stevenson beat Lim Peng-chin and A. A. Rummel 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

R. M. Henderson and A. Brerley beat Y. S. Saji and T. Isomura (unfinished).

Club Championship.

G. C. Grove beat C. C. Stark 6-3, 6-0.

E. D. Lawrence beat A. H. Crook 7-6, 8-6.

Handicap Singles "A."

R. K. Valentine (rec. 5/6) beat J. G. Lawrence (owe. 3/0) 2-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles.

S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 15) beat C. L. Sanders and H. Graves (rec. 5/6) 6-8, 7-5.

LOCAL CRICKET.

INDIAN RECREATION CLUB TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. "B" in a friendly match against the R.A.S.C. on the R.A.S.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, A. Rahmin, U. T. Thad, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Rummel, A. R. Suffad and M. R. Abbas.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. "B" in a League match against the C.R.C. on the I.R.C. ground on Sunday at 2 p.m. sharp—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, A. S. Suffad, D. Mohamed, I. Hassan, A. M. Rummel, A. K. Ismail, A. Rahmin, A. Butt and U. T. Thad. Reserves:—A. R. Suffad and M. R. Abbas.

LAWN TENNIS GOLD MINE.

\$47,000 OVER-SUBSCRIBED FOR WIMBLEDON.

London, Feb. 14. Applications for season tickets for the lawn tennis championships at Wimbledon this year numbered 14,600. There are only 9,300 tickets, and money in respect of the other 11,200 will be returned.

This amounts to \$47,000. Tickets will be allocated by ballot, which will take place almost at once.

These applications are only in respect of the whole meeting. Daily tickets will be issued at the gates in the usual way.

Commander A. L. Buckland, D.S.O., D.S.C., has been appointed to H.M.S. Magnolia, and Commander J. M. Scott to H.M.S. Hawkins.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 24th.

CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Huddersfield v Sheffield U.
Blackburn v Arsenal.
Hibernians v Rangers.
Celtic v Queen's Park.

DIVISION I.

Bolton v Leicester.
Wednesday v Liverpool.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea v Manch. City.
Reading v Leeds.
West Brom. v Preston.

DIVISION III.

Cry. Palace v Swindon.
Southend v Plymouth.
Nelson v Bradford C.

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No. 30. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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Reading v Leeds.
West Brom. v Preston.
Cry. Palace v Swindon.
Southend v Plymouth.
Nelson v Bradford C.

Sentence of 28 days' imprisonment in the second division was passed by Mr. Fry at Bow-street Police Court on Perceval Roberts, aged 52, commercial traveller, of Earl's Court-square, S.W., for being drunk while in charge of a motor-car in Mall.

A police constable stated that Roberts was driving towards Buckingham Palace at nearly 40 miles an hour. The car zigzagged from one side of the road to the other, and nearly came into collision with several vehicles going in the opposite direction. The constable shouted to Roberts to stop, but he drove on for about 20 yards, and came into collision with the base of a refuge, causing three tyres to burst. He continued to drive on, and two side wheels mounted the pavement. Several persons screamed and jumped out of his way. When arrested he was leaning over the side of the car almost dozing.

Roberts pleaded guilty, and expressed his regret.

Later notice of appeal was given.

£300,000 ENGLISH DICTIONARY.

OXFORD WORK FINISHED FROM A TO Z.

Described by Arnold Bennett as "the most sensational serial ever written," the Oxford English Dictionary, which was started 70 years ago, is now complete from A to Z.

The concluding section, "Wise-Wyze," is now in the hands of the printer. On April 19 it will be published and presented to the King.

The Dictionary will be the most complete authority on the English language, and its publication will be an historic event in literature.

418,825 Words.

No fewer than six editors and many hundreds of voluntary workers have contributed to the gigantic work, which runs into 12 volumes and contains a record of 418,825 words, 500,000 definitions and 1,827,306 quotations.

The total cost of the production is estimated at £300,000.

Some idea of the size of the dictionary and of the amount of labour it has entailed is shown by the fact that it contains 46,464 columns, which placed on end would stretch for over nine miles.

The work was started by Mr. Hartley Coleridge, the first editor, in November 1859, and upon his death was carried on by Mr. Furnivall and Dr. Murray.

PRINCE SHAKES HANDS WITH WAITER.

"WHY NOT?" TO EMBARRASSED MEMBER OF HOTEL STAFF.

An incident, typical of the Prince's kindness, occurred when his Royal Highness arrived at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor, for the Corporation Venison Dinner.

Waiting to receive him was a group of men and women, and the Prince shook hands individually with a large number of the group.

One man, however, hesitated in obvious embarrassment when the Prince held out his hand.

"Pardon me, your Royal Highness," he said, "but I am one of the waiting staff at the hotel."

The Prince smiled, and said, "Well, what of that, why not shake hands?"

The waiter responded warmly to the Prince's hearty handshake.

Speaking after the dinner the Prince said the chief object of their meeting was to eat as much venison as they conveniently could of the fine buck that it was his Majesty's custom to present on these occasions. He believed the origin was that it was only by gifts of a buck that the burgesses of Windsor could be dissuaded from going into the park and shooting the King's deer on their own.

FASCISMO'S NEW IDEAL.

SPORT THE MAKER OF PATRIOTS.

PRACTICAL PLANS.

Rome, Feb. 14.

Sport, health, contentment, good citizenship, patriotism—these are successive steps recognised by the Fascist Government as necessary to the development of new Italy. For this reason the Fascist Party is paying particular attention to the encouragement of games and to suitable provision for the care of health.

In agreement with all Black Shirt organisations and the Universities, what is in fact equivalent to a degree—with all the civic advantages that this confers in Italy—may now be obtained for standard of personal physique as indicated by prowess in individual and field games, which cover the whole area of modern sport. Stadia and gymnasia are springing up all over the country for the training of athletes.

Returning to almost a Greek ideal of citizenship, Italy puts more faith in the Olympic Games than in the League of Nations for the future of the race and Europe. The latest manifestation of the Government's concern with the encouragement of sport is a vast plan, "Pro Urbe Imperiale," which has won the warm approval of Signor Mussolini.

A Sport Camp.

The project includes the construction on the outskirts of Rome towards Frascati of a sports camp, which, it is claimed, including among other things, motor-cycle track, running tracks and football grounds, together with parking space for five thousand motor-cars and three thousand cycles, will be the largest yet built in Europe.

A characteristic and significant feature of the plans is that much more attention is paid to the arenas than to the grand-stands. The project also includes the construction of two open-air stations, with appropriate villas on Monte Cretaccio and near Lake Nemi, on the Alban Hills. These will be specially designed to suit the requirements of the middle professional and working classes.

To these new centres a special autostrada will be made, starting from the Gate of San Giovanni and, without interfering with the existing classic roads that cut through the Roman Campagna to the wine-hills of the Castelli Romani, will extend to the new health resorts.

Services of special buses will be put on the road: and so the whole scheme, while based on the encouragement of sport and recreation in the fresh uplands of the Alban Hills, develops with it constructive works for the betterment of the whole Province of Lazio.

WHAT MONEY MEANS.

JUDGES' INTERPRETATION OF WORD: USED IN WILL.

The first case in which the meaning of the word "money" in a will has arisen for interpretation since the new law of property came into force on January 1, 1926, has been decided by Lord Merrivale.

Mr. Alfred Gales, formerly chairman of the West Surrey Central Dairy Company, left a will in which he had written, "I leave all my money to Alfred George Cabell."

Mr. Gales had left:—
£500 War Loan,
£1,280 stocks and shares,
£300 money lent on mortgage,
£200 in furniture,
£600 in three cottages,
£4 in cash in the house, and
£1,650 in the bank.

Lord Merrivale held that by the word "money" Mr. Gales had disposed of all his estate except his interest in the three cottages, which were mortgaged.

SURPRISE FOR FATHER.

TOLD THAT DAUGHTER WAS ALREADY MARRIED.

The surprise discovery that his daughter had been married in secret is said to have been made by an Aldershot father.

It is stated that the father, Mr. Girling, of Crime-road, Aldershot, complained because his daughter—said to be only 17—was keeping company with a deaf Italian newspaper seller aged 20.

Mr. Girling locked the girl in her bedroom, but she escaped.

When the father went to a house in the same road he was confronted by the Italian, who said that the girl was now his wife.

Mr. Girling is said to have been shown a marriage certificate to the effect that the couple had been married at Farnham Register Office some days previously.

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COMPANY REPORTS.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY, LTD.

The report of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., for the year ended October 31, 1927, has just been circulated to shareholders, together with the announcement of the forty-third annual meeting to take place at the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, March 28, at 11.30 a.m. The report states:

The Net Profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of Aerated Water and other Machinery and Plant, Furniture, Fittings, Trade Utensils, Launches, Motor Lorries, Motor Car, etc., amounts to \$132,237.78

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year 57,106.89

Leaving available for appropriation \$189,344.67

We propose—

To pay a dividend of 70 cents per share which will absorb \$84,000.00

Place a Reserve Fund 25,000.00

Write off Building Improvements 4,227.50

Pay to Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund 5,000.00

Pay to European Staff Provident Fund 5,000.00

And carry forward to next account 66,117.17

..... \$189,344.67

Board of Directors.

The existing Board of Directors consists of Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. H. P. White, The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Mr. A. B. Stewart, who retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

The Company's Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. S. T. Butlin, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HOTELS' PROFIT.

\$878,310 Available for Distribution.

It is officially announced that the net profit of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1927, including the sum of \$503,769.45 brought forward from the previous year, and after charging interest, insurances, maintenance and repairs, rates and taxes, etc., and providing for Depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, amounted to \$878,310.65, which at the ordinary yearly meeting of the Company, to be held on April 12 next, the Directors will recommend be dealt with as follows:

Transfer to General Reserve	\$500,000.00
Transfer to Construction and Development Reserve	300,000.00
Carry forward to new account	78,310.65
	\$878,310.65

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

The Hongkong Telephone Company Limited.

The Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., announce that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for year ended 31st December 1927, after charging \$154,238.64, for Depreciation, and distributing \$57,878.00 in respect of Interim Dividend of 8%, amounts to \$165,879.45, which, subject to approval of the Shareholders, will be appropriated as follows:—

Payment of a Final Dividend of 5% making a total of 8% for the year	\$ 96,130.00
Transfer to General Reserve	50,000.00
Bonus to European Staff	8,199.98
Bonus to Operators	4,334.00
Carry forward	7,015.47
	\$165,679.45

NANKING OUTRAGE.

EFFORTS TO SECURE SETTLEMENT.

Shanghai Chinese papers are devoting considerable space to the present visit of Sir Miles Lampson. On Wednesday morning of last week, they say, Mr. Ching Wen-shih, a member of the Nationalist Ministry of Foreign Affairs, called upon him to discuss the Nanking incident, and to suggest a settlement.

Sir Miles, it is reported, has telegraphed to the British Foreign Office asking for instructions, whilst Gen. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has left for Nanking to make a report to the Nationalist Government on the matter. It is probable, the reports continue, that Sir Miles will remain in Shanghai pending instructions from London and a possible settlement.

The Nanking incident, however, involves also other countries, including the United States, Japan, and France, and the Nationalist Foreign Ministry will take up the question with the Consuls of these countries in the near future. It is hoped, however, that there will be an early settlement, amicable and honourable to all parties.

Unions' Letter.

The Shanghai Street Unions and Commercial Federations have addressed the following letter to the Minister:

The newspapers have reported certain statements of yours with reference to Sino-British friendship and co-operation, but there still exists in our minds a certain suspicion which we cannot help bringing to your notice. China has been under the yoke of unequal treaties for many years. We have suffered from the opium evil. China is bound by economic aggression. We do not have customs freedom, and our goods are not protected. Merchants cannot trade. Industries cannot improve. Finances are at a standstill and business is lost.

Munitions Importation.

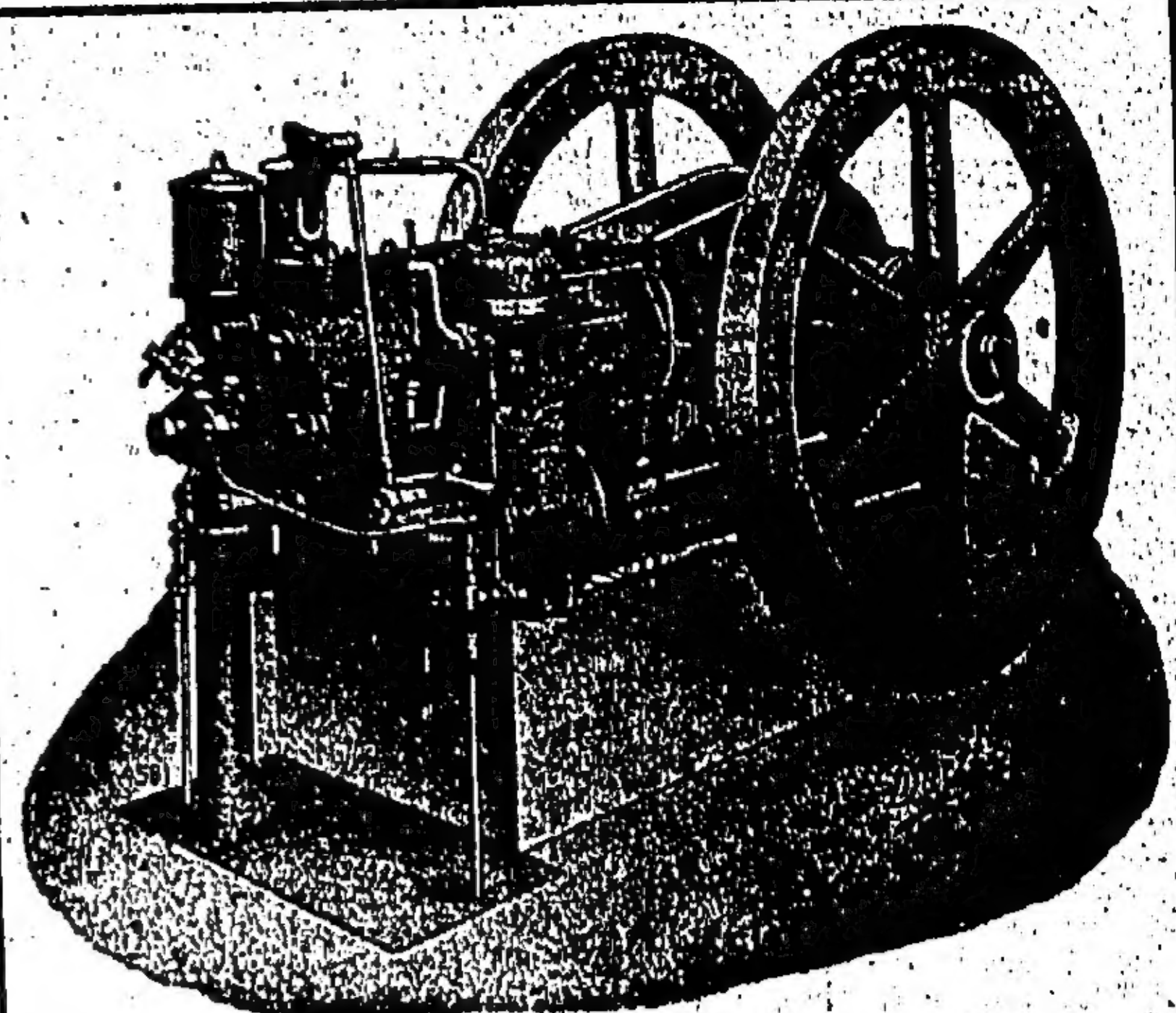
We have all suffered as a result of the importation of foreign munitions which have fallen into the hands of the unscrupulous. These same arms have prevented the successful conclusion of the anti-Northern campaign and we cannot help thinking that civil warfare is prolonged as a result. Most of these arms came from foreign countries and the people have to suffer as a result. China has a history of 4,000 years of civilization, and the people are noted for their desire for peace and their willingness to forgive. Confucius has said, "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you." Our President worked some 40 years and the people realize his aspirations so they use peaceful methods to oppose might and attain his aims. We want to oppose foreign aggression and we want to clear militarism out of China. We want no imperialism, and the leaders of our country will fight in carrying out these wishes, loyally and in upholding the Three People's Principles." To strengthen our country we want equality, and the people will fight until they receive freedom and equality. Within one year, the anti-Northern campaign will have been completed, and there will be a new China. Our foreign friends must realize the futility of their old ideas of benefitting at our expense. We shall reciprocate what we receive, and shall treat with others as they treat with us. We hope and wish for friendly relations, and we trust that the Powers will adopt a far-sighted policy instead of a short-sighted one. We are opposed to the gunboat policy because we do not wish for another world war, as that of the past in Europe. We hope that this letter may be helpful, therefore, in bringing before you China's aspirations and in furthering your efforts for Sino-British friendship.

Quick Settlement Hoped For.

Apres of the negotiations for a settlement of the Nanking Incident, the Chinese press had the following to say:

With reference to the Communist incidents which arose last year following the entry of the Nationalist troops into Nanking, when a number of outrages were committed against foreigners, the Chinese authorities have been negotiating with the British Minister for a settlement. The Nationalist Government had previously brought up six points for the consideration of the Diplomatic Body but the latter did not agree to these; so negotiations have been in abeyance for a year.

The British and American Governments are as anxious as the Nationalist Government to bring about a speedy settlement, honourable to all parties concerned, so that friendly relations may be restored. Unofficial negotiations have, therefore, been going on and it is said that the different parties are favourably inclined to certain points brought up by the Nationalist Foreign Minister. It is hoped, therefore, that the matter will be settled quickly.



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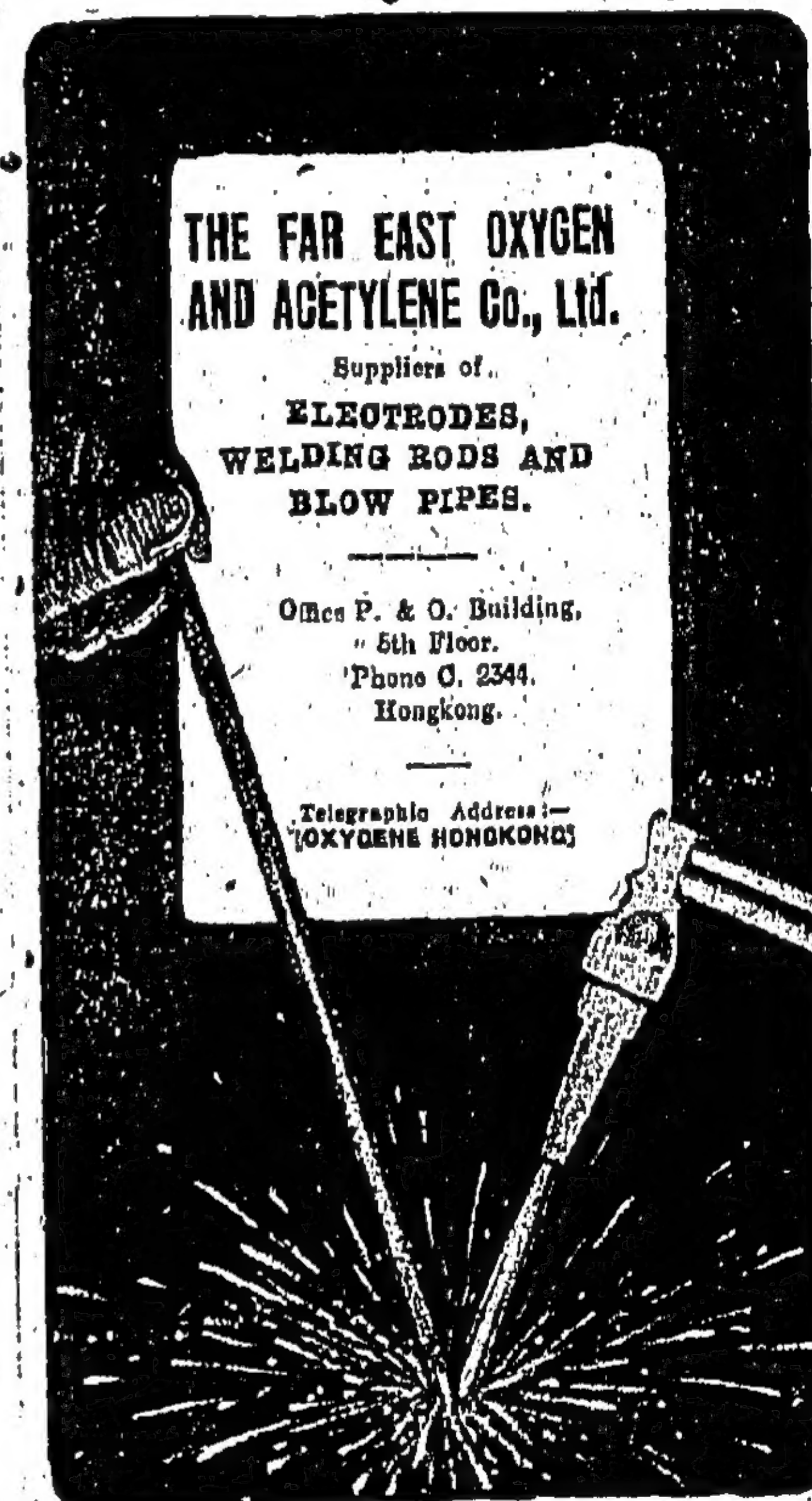
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CHAPTER XXI.

Lady Parkinson is Startled.

Mr. Lupton, with all his experience, found it difficult to "place" Detective-Inspector Pow. He was nearly four when he rang the bell at the important looking house in Park Lane, a time when any of her ladyship's many friends might be arriving. The butler looked at Inspector Pow and Inspector Pow looked at the butler, giving as good as he received in that regard. "Sir Joseph at home?" asked the detective.

"Sir Joseph is not at home." "Then, I'll see Lady Parkinson." "Hoi! will you?" thought Mr. Lupton, but as he stood frowning at the perplexed visitor, he was enlightened.

"Detective-Inspector Pow. Just take my name in, will you?" Mr. Lupton at once perceived that this was not the time for trifling. He had, together with every other member of the household, heard of the return of the stolen jewels, and no doubt the detective had come in connexion with that extraordinary occurrence.

"If you walk in, I will tell her ladyship," said the butler. "Kindly take a seat, Inspector."

The Inspector, however, preferred to stand, and alone in the spacious, tessellated, elaborately decorated hall, with its numerous marble statues, he moralised about the general "rumminess" of life. Here was Sir Joseph Parkinson, with a title and a seat in the House of Commons, and a son who was only a source of anxiety, who stood in danger—very grave danger—of arrest for Wilful Murder. And there was Redpath, a professional begging-letter writer, living in squalor, whose daughter was the apple of his eye.

Meanwhile Mr. Lupton went slowly upstairs to Lady Parkinson, who was overdressed and jewelled as usual, longing for the clock to strike four, when afternoon tea would be brought in, her eyes additionally red to-day, on account of the happy, sentimental ending of the novel by her side.

Closing the door, Lupton noiselessly crossed the parquet floor with valuable eastern rugs like small islands of tropical colour, nor spoke till he reached Lady Parkinson's side.

"Detective-Inspector Pow, my lady," he said deferentially. "Eh, what?" she cried, with a jump.

"Detective-Inspector Pow, my lady. He requests an interview." "Not—not with me, Lupton!" "Yes, my lady, Sir Joseph being out. I left him in the hall, thinking you would wish to see him in the morning-room."

She had no wish to see him anywhere. Not that she suspected his visit had anything to do with Everard, for though the dear boy had certainly done all manner of things he ought not to have done, he had never come into contact with the police, excepting boat race nights. Like the butler, she associated Pow's presence with the jewels, already handed over to the Lion Insurance Company, Limited, but Lady Parkinson had only spoken to a detective once in her life, after the robbery at Waterloo, and she never wanted to speak to another.

Going downstairs, however, she glanced at the Inspector in the hall, and a minute later he was ushered into the morning room.

"I suppose," she suggested, "you have something to say about my jewellery?"

"Well, I have and I haven't" was the answer. "What I want is Mr. Everard Parkinson's photo, if you can oblige me."

Lady Parkinson promptly sat down. "But my son had nothing to do with it," she insisted. "I'm afraid you're wrong there, Lady Parkinson," said Pow. "If you ask me, he had a good deal to do with it."

Then, sitting there, breathing tumultuously, with tears in her eyes, Lady Parkinson received the heaviest blow of her life. In his quiet, easy going way, the Inspector told the whole story, how, in the first place, Everard had intercepted Redpath on the doorstep, heard where the stolen jewels were to be found, and a few hours later, gone to Baynton Crescent, to try to induce Miss Croom to surrender them. Inspector Pow reminded Lady Parkinson that Miss Croom had been murdered the following Thursday, and then he gave a graphic account of her son's attempt to obtain possession of the metal box from Dr. Markwell.

"It was Dr. Markwell who brought it here," cried Lady Parkinson, "but he never mentioned my son's name."

"That's neither here nor there," said Pow. "The point is that Mr. Parkinson was after the box, though he knew the contents were the property of the insurance company. I suppose this is Mr. Parkinson," he added, stretching forth his hand and taking a framed cabinet portrait from the table on which Lady Parkinson's elbow was resting. "What can you want it for?" she demanded.

"Purposes of identification, my lady. If you'll excuse me." As he took it deftly from the frame, he thought he had never seen a woman more violently agitated, though his experience was considerable. She was incapable of the slightest effort to disguise her grief, while Inspector Pow stood looking at the photograph, which had been taken just before Everard sailed for New York, but unfortunately from the detective's point of view did not show the hands. He was putting it in his breast pocket, when the door opened and Sir Joseph entered, whereupon Lady Parkinson ran impetuously forward, clinging to his arm.

"Joel! Joel!" she cried, "this is Inspector Pow. He has come about Everard."

"Good Heavens!" Sir Joseph interrupted, "what on earth has the boy been doing now?"

Lady Parkinson tried to speak, but failed, and while she still clung to his arm, Pow went through the story once more, Sir Joseph towering above him, broad-shouldered, frowning, scarcely waiting till he ceased speaking.

"The most damnable ridiculous tale I've ever listened to," he exclaimed. "Not a word of sense in it. You can't have a scrap of evidence."

"All in good time, Sir Joseph," said Pow.

"Good time! You must be out of your mind. I know my son through and through. I know what he's capable of and what he isn't."

Sir Joseph felt more sympathetic towards Everard than he had done for some years. The boy might be guilty of any meanness or duplicity to obtain money for his dissipation, but to accuse him of murder was sheer madness. For once he stood by his wife's side in defence of their son. Everard had been almost their only cause of antagonism, but now they were as one in resenting this egregious accusation.

At the same time, Sir Joseph dreaded the disgrace and unpleasantness which must inevitably follow an arrest if Inspector Pow dared to go so far. There must, presumably, be some sort of evidence, though of course it could and should be countered, but in spite of his innocence, the odium would cling to him, and break his mother's heart.

"There's one question I should like to ask," said Pow. "What the devil's that?"

Did Mr. Parkinson lose the tip of his finger in the War? "No no cried Sir Joseph, impatiently. "Years before. When he was a boy at school."

"The second finger of his right hand," suggested the Inspector, striving to show no sign of satisfaction.

"What in the world can that have to do with the murder of Miss Croom?" demanded Sir Joseph.

There could no longer be room for doubt. Everard Parkinson had been present at the scene of the crime. Inspector Pow had gained the most valuable information, as well as the photograph, but even so, he was not quite certain how far it would be safe to go. It would be worse than useless to make an arrest without the reasonable prospect of a conviction. It was one thing to feel confident of the man's guilt, quite another to bring it home to him before a jury.

Sir Joseph would take care that his son had the most skilful counsel to defend him. He would give evidence on his own behalf, and to judge by the photograph, appearances were in his favour. The jury would be eloquently urged to give him the benefit of any doubt that might exist in their minds, and there was always a reluctance to return a verdict of guilty on circumstantial evidence alone. In short, Inspector Pow was scarcely prepared to arrest Everard Parkinson without consulting his superior officers.

Granting that the suspect returned to Cliff Street, and there was no reason to assume he would not, precautions had already been taken to prevent his escape. It was true that Sir Joseph might know where to find him, might warn him with the conceivable result that Everard, if guilty, might take his own life. Inspector Pow thought it judicious to temporise.

"Well, Sir Joseph," he said soothingly, "all I want at present is a word or two with Mr. Parkinson."

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1250 b.
Chartered Bank, £212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £332 n.
F. and O., £54 n.
East Asia, \$732 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$331 n.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$462 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Fire, \$215 n.
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Douglases, \$401 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$202 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$250 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$452 b.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$204 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$2.35 n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
Lanrkats, Tls. 116 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Rauha, \$42 b.
Troncha, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$141 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents, \$62 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.80 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.

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Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.70 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$91 s.
H. K. Lands, \$682 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 131 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realities, \$8 s.
Territorials, \$14 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25.85 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$122 b.
Star Forries, \$642 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H'kong Electrics, \$712 b.
Macao Electrics, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.85 b.
China Buses, Tls. 62 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$12 s.
Malabons, \$26 n.
Canton Iron, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$112 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$212 b.
Watsons, \$144 b.
Der A. Wing, \$1 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.65 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$294 b.
Constructions, \$12 n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
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(To be continued.)
(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

THE LATE MR. J. M. BRITTO.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. M. Britto, chief of the parcels post department of the Hongkong General Post Office, which took place at his residence, 12, Granville Road, Kowloon, yesterday morning. The deceased had been in the postal service for 28 years, and he was extremely popular with his colleagues and all who enjoyed his friendship. He was a keen member of the Club de Recreo, taking much interest in lawn bowls. He leaves an aged mother, widow and son, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley. The Rev. Father Cravelli officiated, and a large number of friends attended. The chief mourners were deceased's only son, Mr. Henry Britto, and his three brothers-in-law, Messrs. J. S. Alves, G. A. Osmund and E. J. Figueiredo. Among others present were Mr. T. Hynes, of the Post Office, and many of his fellow workers employed at the Post Office.

Among the many floral tributes were the following:—"From your dear wife," "Henry," Messrs. E. J. Figueiredo, G. A. Osmund, J. S. Alves, "Your Loving Mother," Lydia and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hodman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hynes and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ribeiro and family, Mr. A. A. R. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. R. Rozario, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Barreto, C. H. Graca and Mr. J. A. Graca, A. C. Botelho, F. X. Soares, Mr. J. Pestonji, Mr. A. E. Xavier, Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. Noronha.

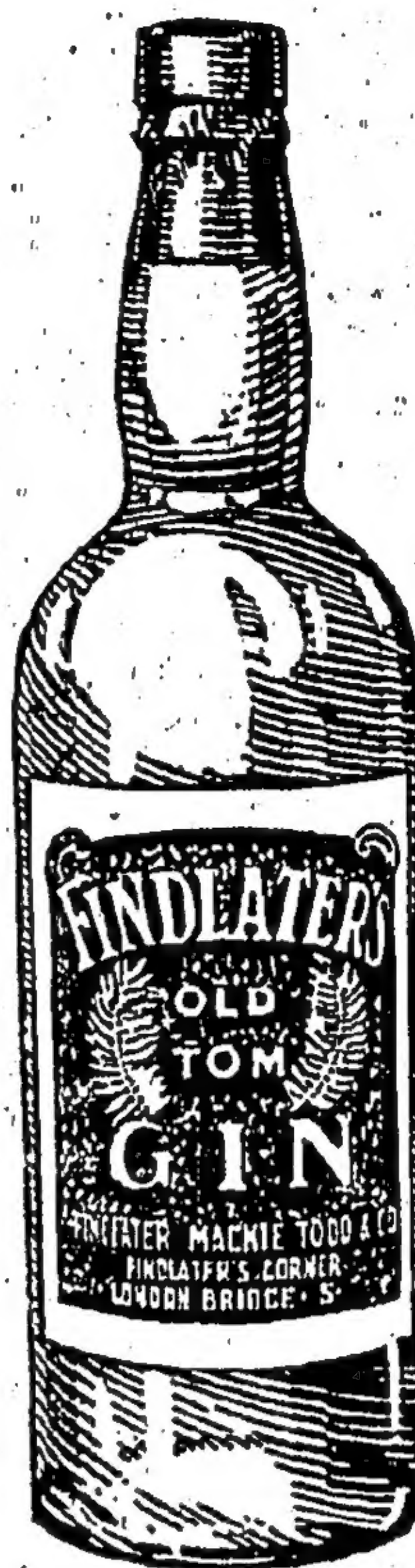
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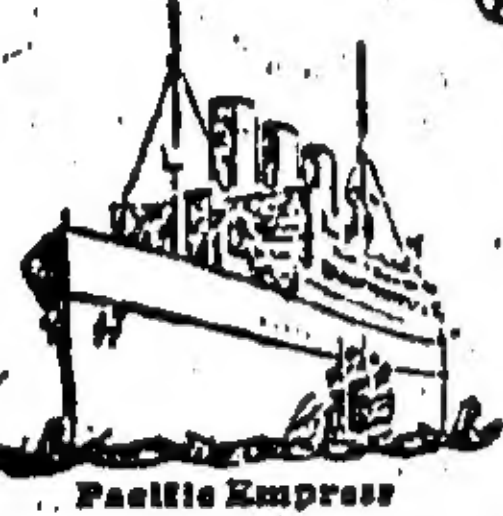
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MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

THE DEFENCE OPENED.

In the case in which a Chinese steerman is charged with the manslaughter of a girl near Po To Island on February 19, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, junior, yesterday opened the defence by putting his client in the box, in order that the latter might personally relate to the Court what took place at the time of the alleged collision.

The defendant said he was the steerman of a Hokkai, No. 4201 which was usually employed for fishing. On the night of February 19 the junk left Stanley, together with junk No. 4202, for Tam Kon Shan at midnight, arriving at their destination at 6 a.m. They did not fish there, as the sea was very heavy and the wind was high; so that both the junks returned to Aberdeen almost immediately.

Defendant stated that a man named Li Kwai was in charge of the tiller and that he only relieved Li Kwai for a short while, when the latter went below to have his meal.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, witness said that there were two lookouts on the junk that night. In the course of the cruise to Tam Kon Sha, a cross-board on the inside of the bow of the junk was broken by the heavy seas. This breakage was discovered by the lookouts when the boat dropped anchor, and was quickly put right.

It was after he returned to Aberdeen that he learned of the collision and that he was the man who was accused.

The hearing was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

STEAM GAUGE STOLEN.

CHINESE COMMITTED TO
SESSIONS.

A Chinese, who, it is understood, had previously been convicted on many occasions, was yesterday committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions when he was found guilty of the theft of a steam gauge valued at \$75 from the Hongkong Excavation Pile Driving and Construction Company.

Giving evidence, a Chinese detective attached to the Yau-mat Police Station told his Worship that the defendant was observed in Yau-mat attempting to dispose of a parcel to a marine hawk. Apparently a bargain was not struck, for the defendant after some conversation with the hawk passed on. He was stopped by the witness who, on examining the parcel, found it to be a steam gauge.

At the police station, the defendant gave the address from which he took the steam gauge. The detective proceeded to the address given and there the Hongkong Excavation Company identified it as their property.

The defendant, when asked by his Worship whether he wished to make any statement, merely pleaded guilty to the theft.

SUN YAT-SEN'S WILL.

WAS IT A FORGERY?

Our excuse for re-opening the question as to the genuineness of the will of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen is the speech of Mr. Yu Yu-jen at the Memorial Exercises to Dr. Sun at Nanking on March 12. Mr. Yu gave an account of the way in which the will was written. He declared that the draft was prepared by Mr. Wu Chih-hui and passed on by Mr. Wu to himself, Mr. Li Shih-tsung, Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. Li Ta-cha and Mr. Wang Ching-wei for revision and approval. It was then handed to Mrs. Sun to present to her husband. On account of Dr. Sun's condition she retained it for several days before she gave it to him for signature.

This is Mr. Yu's statement which appears to be clear and straight-forward. In order that the question may be finally settled we suggest that Mr. Wu Chih-hui should also make a statement just as Mr. Yu has done. Another specific statement should be made by Mrs. Sun.

It is known that of the Committee who, according to Mr. Yu, drew up the will only Mr. Wang Ching-wei ever saw Dr. Sun in the Chinese Medical College Hospital and that Mr. and Mrs. Borodin were constantly at his bedside. This has given rise, doubtless, to the suspicion in many Kuomintang circles that Dr. Sun not only had nothing to do with the preparation of the will, as is now acknowledged by Mr. Yu, but that it was prepared under the influence of the Communist clique for Communist purposes. Mr. Wang Ching-wei was certainly an ardent supporter of the alliance with the Communists and of Mr. Borodin in particular as was also Mr. Li Ta-cha who, it will be remembered, was arrested in the raid on the Peking Soviet Embassy and executed under orders of the Peking Government. Of the committee which prepared the document all had intimate relations with the Communists except Mr. Wu Chih-hui and Mr. Li Shih-tsung.

It is evident that further explanations must be made to clear this document from the widespread suspicion that Dr. Sun had nothing to do with its preparation or signature and that it was produced under Communist influence for purposes of Communist propaganda. Mr. Yu's statement at Nanking needs corroboration and elucidation.—*N. C. D. News.*

GERMAN JUDGE'S DEATH.

A verdict of "Death from Accidental Causes" was recorded by the West London Coroner, Mr. H. R. Oswald, at the inquest at Ham-mersmith on Mr. Hermann Detmold, aged 46, a German, who was a Judge on the Anglo-German Mixed Tribunal.

Mr. Detmold slipped when leaving his house at Stafford-terrace, Kensington, on January 1, a particularly slippery day, and his left leg was fractured.

Death, it was stated, was due to fragments of bone marrow from the fracture getting into the blood system and passing into the lungs.

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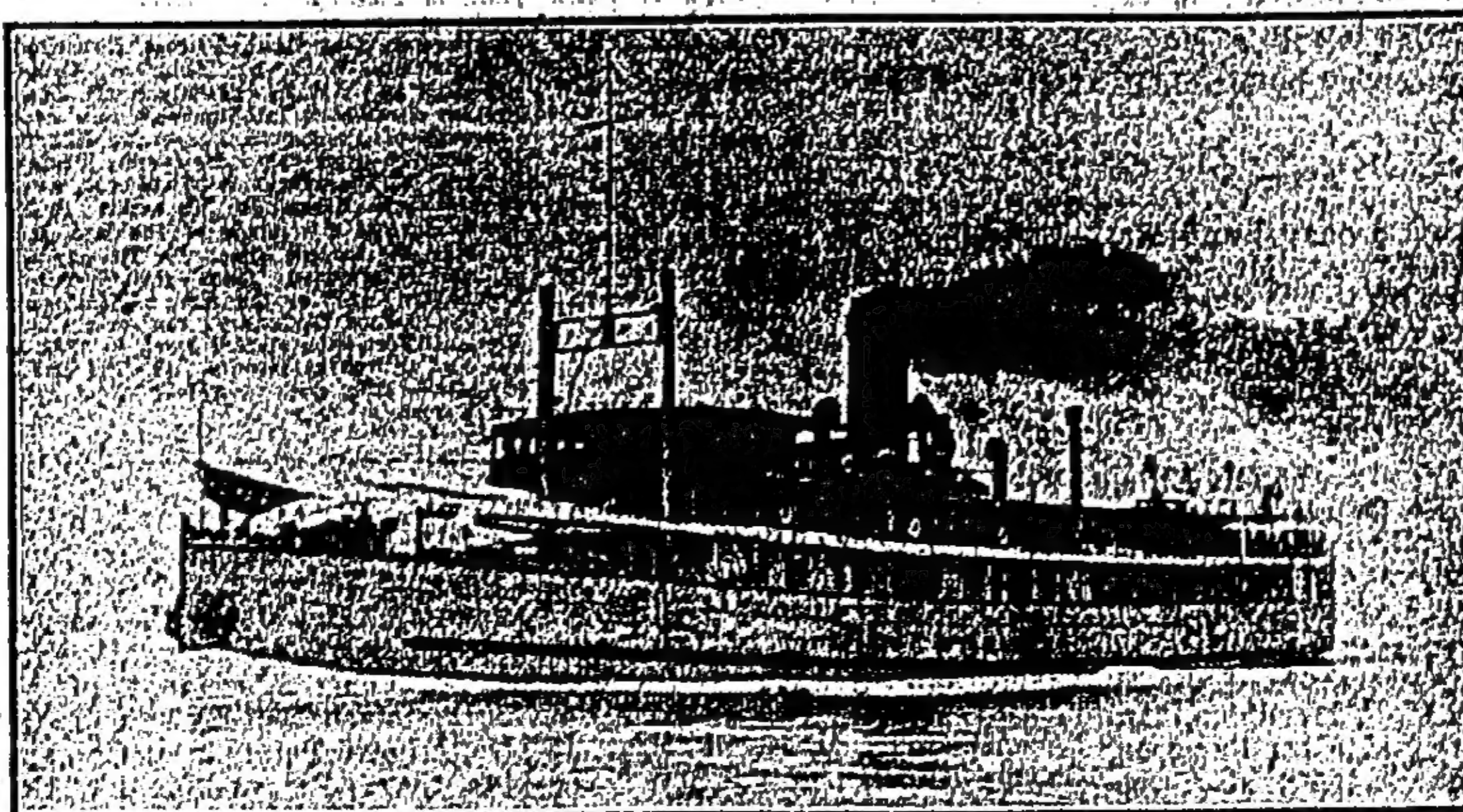
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SECRET OF S-4.

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Boston, Mar. 20.

The secret of the ill-fated submarine S-4 was finally revealed to-day when the board, investigating the disaster entered the submarine which has been drydocked here. They saw the bodies of six of the crew, who were imprisoned in the torpedo compartment, and whose tragic messages, laboriously tapped out with a hammer, had aroused sympathy all over the world.

The position of the bodies indicated that all had died in their bunks from whence they had apparently been washed later by the water.

All the bodies were heavily coated with mud and none wore shoes. Evidently the men had used gas masks.

Appropriation Asked.

Washington, Mar. 20.
President Coolidge has recommended Congress to appropriate \$200,000 to enable the Navy Department to investigate and experiment with safety devices for submarines.—Reuter's American Service.

Submarine Salvage.

Lord Sandon, in a Parliamentary question in mail week, asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether his attention had been called to the proposals of Admiral Sir Charles Ottley as to submarine salvage; whether this matter had been investigated; and, if so, with what result. Mr. Bridgman made the following written reply:—If my noble friend is referring to Admiral Sir C. Ottley's letter of December 25, to The Times, the answers to the first and second parts of the question are in the affirmative, and to the third part that it is not considered practicable to adopt the devices proposed.

***Sir Charles Ottley, whose letter, dated December 25, was published in The Times of December 29, suggested the use, in peace time, of stream-lined salvage buoys, clamped against the submarine's outer skin and capable of release in case of emergency by the crew inside. The lower end of each buoy rope would be made fast to the salvage chains.

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JEPPORE	5,313	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
JEPPORE	6,318	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
INANKIN	7,058	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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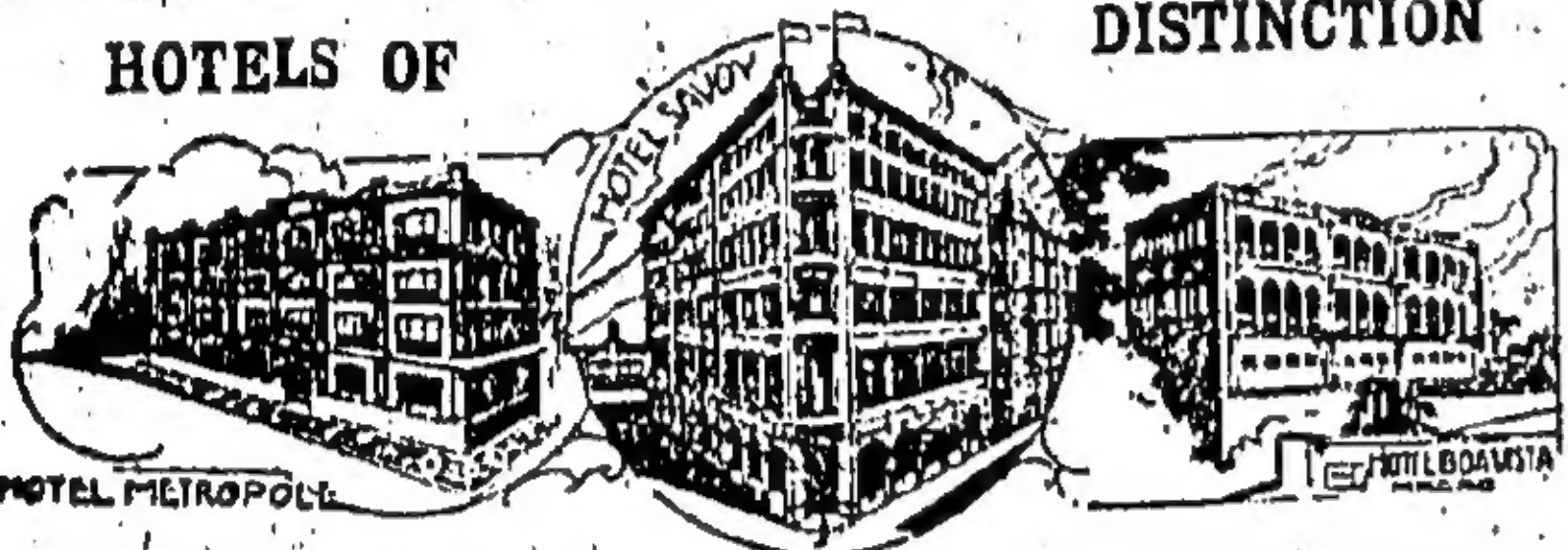
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CEMENT COMPANY'S
OUTLOOK.

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mats to \$3,000,000, and its installation would, we think, occupy a period of two years. Your Board are at present investigating this matter with a view to placing a concrete proposal before you for consideration, in which relation the question of location is a matter of paramount importance, especially having regard to the fact that our Hok Un property has so materially improved in value that it may be found expedient to concentrate elsewhere.

Whilst on this subject, I deem it opportune to state that no scheme involving heavy capital outlay will be embarked upon without the consent of shareholders in general meeting having first been obtained.

Deep Water Bay Losses.

With regard to our Deep Water Bay works, I regret to say that the results again show a heavy loss. Your Board gave a great deal of attention to these works during the year and, after careful consideration, it was decided in August last that the most prudent course to pursue was to close down. It was not possible, however, to shut down entirely until 31st December, as we had contracted to supply Government requirements for the year 1927. So soon, however, as your Directors were able to reach a decision, notice was given to the Superintendent and to one of his assistants, and charges reduced to a minimum commensurate with the maintenance of the installation in a condition rendering it capable of being operated again should conditions so warrant.

Since the first of the current year, the works have been completely closed down, thus effecting a material saving. In this connection your Board have deemed it prudent to recommend the allocation to a Contingency Reserve out of the profits for the year 1927 of an amount of \$20,000, against the possible contingency of loss in the working for the current year on sales of such stocks as remain on hand.

The Accounts.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice we have transferred the sum of \$125,000 from the "Reserve for New Plant" to buildings and machinery at Hok Un, thus writing down the old plant there to \$46,299.55. We have also transferred from our Reserve Fund the sum of \$100,000 to buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, which now stand in our books at \$53,005.77. Our cash at the bank at the end of last year amounted to \$287,000 but, on the other hand, I would point out that our stocks of raw materials have been considerably reduced.

Our investments are now reduced to \$564,656.82, as \$150,000 Hongkong Government War Loan Bonds were drawn for re-payment during 1927.

The stock of limestone was again checked by independent surveyors towards the end of last year, and the result showed that our own estimate was still a conservative one. As our stock of stone was getting low, your Directors, at the end of last year, entered into contracts for a further supply from Indo-China for delivery spread over this year.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make and I now therefore, have pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, as presented be adopted and that the appropriations recommended by your Board as above indicated be carried into effect, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart and carried.

Business Matters.

Mr. Raymond proposed and Mr. Potts seconded that Mr. J. H. Taggart's election to the Board be confirmed, and that Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and Li Tse-fong be re-elected to the Board. This proposition was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Croucher, Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors.

Directors present in addition to the Chairman were Mr. J. Scott Harrison, Mr. C. F. Mendham, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. Allan Cameron and Mr. Li Tse-fong; also the Secretary, Mr. Allan Keith, and the following shareholders:—Messrs. F. M. Ellis, E. M. Raymond, G. H. Potts, A. L. Shields, N. V. A. Croucher, I. W. Shewan, P. F. C. Prata, E. L. Sim, D. M. Goodall, J. Coulthart, A. H. M. da Silva, O. Kitchell, J. W. Kew, and M. A. Figueiredo.

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ANOTHER TOURIST SHIP DUE SOON.

Hongkong is shortly to be visited by another tourist ship, the s.s. Resolute, of the Hamburg-American Line, with Captain Fritz Kruse in command, being due here at 4 p.m. on Wednesday next. This fine vessel left New York on January 7th, on her fifth cruise around the world.

The 380 passengers on the Resolute represent ten countries; United States, Canada, Ecuador, England, Germany, Holland, Poland, Switzerland, Australia, Belgium. Residents of twenty-six of the forty-eight States are on board—New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Yoming, Oregon, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, California, Nebraska, Kentucky and Texas.

Covering a distance of 37,849 miles, the passengers will visit 30 countries and 63 cities in 140 days, returning to New York on May 26th. Some of the passengers will return to their home towns by rail from the West Coast when the steamer arrives at San Francisco on May 9th and Los Angeles on May 11th.

Sailing eastward from New York, the Resolute has called at Funchal, Madeira; then Gibraltar and Algiers, Spain; Algiers, Algeria; Monte Carlo on the Riviera; Naples, Italy; Athens, Greece; Haifa, the Holy Land with excursions to Jerusalem and Bethlehem; Port Said, Egypt, with excursions to Cairo; through the Suez Canal; French Somaliland, East Africa; Bombay, with a seven-day excursion across India, visiting Agra and the Taj Mahal, Fatehpur-Sikri, Benares, Calcutta; Colombo, Ceylon, with excursions to Kandy and Peradeniya; Rangoon, Burma; Padang, Sumatra; Batavia, Java, with a visit to Buitenzorg; Singapore, Straits Settlements, Pak Nam, Siam with a visit to Bangkok; Tarakan, Borneo; Zamboanga, Sulu; Manila, Philippine Islands; and Hongkong.

From here, the Resolute proceeds to Keelung, Formosa; Shanghai, and Ching Wang Tao, with excursions to Tientsin, Peking and the Great Wall; Chemulpo, Korea; Miyajima, Japan, through the Inland Sea of Japan; Kobe, Yokohama, with excursions to points of interest; Honolulu and Hilo, Hawaii; San Francisco, Los Angeles, Balboa; through the Panama Canal; Colon; Havana, and New York.

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VIGOROUS ATTACK ON SOVIET.

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good in it might be taken and made use of by the Commission. Lord Cushendun objected that throughout their 68 Articles the Soviet did not once recognise the League of Nations.

Plain Speaking.

In their project, the Russians proposed that all disputes should be settled not by the Council of the League but by a Permanent International Committee of Control. This was an entirely new body.

Turning to Mr. Litvinoff, Lord Cushendun said there were two kinds of peace, as there were two kinds of war. There was international war and civil war, and civil war was the more horrible. Were the Soviet really going to change their policy? Had they now decided against civil war as well as against international war? Were they no longer going to interfere with the affairs of other countries? Unless they were ready to make such a change, he was sure they would recognise themselves, that their attitude was one of the greatest obstacles to the far-reaching disarmament proposals which they themselves had made.—British Wireless.

MR. EPSTEIN HITS BACK.

WAS RUDE TO HULL.

That Mr. Jacob Epstein, the famous sculptor, refused to allow two of his works to be included in the exhibition of works of contemporary British sculptors at Hull has been revealed by Mr. Thomas Sheppard.

Mr. Epstein, he said, promised two of his works, but unfortunately the Lord Mayor of Manchester had made some rude remarks about Mr. Epstein's work, and when we went to get the exhibits Mr. Epstein made some rude remarks to us, and we came away without them.

As it was felt that no exhibition of modern sculpture would be complete without something to represent Mr. Epstein's work, a bust of Joseph Conrad was borrowed from Mr. Muirhead Bone.

The third ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held at the Board Room of the Company, 2nd floor, Exchange Building, on Wednesday, April 11, 1928 at 12 noon.

Mr. M. Manuk of the Dairy Farm is a passenger to Shanghai by s.s. President Grant sailing this morning. Mr. Gunnar K. son Kjellberg, the Consul for Sweden in Canton, proceeds to Europe by the same vessel, via United States. The Consul is accompanied by Mrs. Kjellberg.

Ronald Colman, the well-known British film actor, returned to England from America, after an absence of over seven years, and was greeted by a large crowd at Waterloo. He has come home on a six weeks' visit. "In three years," he said, "at the end of my present contract, I hope to come back to England to play for British films. This is the biggest ambition of my life. British films are 'bucking up.'"

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. A warlike race of 400,000 people inhabiting the Sudan. 2. The Mount Morgan mine, in Queensland. 3. In South-West Greenland, in the Arctic Circle. 4. During excavations in King Edward-street, Nottingham. 5. Richmond, Wales. 6. "Edison's Cranes" published in 1719 in the "Original London Post or Heathcoat's Intelligence," now of the treasures of Dorchester House. 7. Billiards, so named after its discoverer, Professor Billiard. 8. The canon. 9. \$1,750,000, awarded to George Haskell in his action in New Jersey against the estate of the late James B. Duke, the tobacco king. 10. The exploitation of 2,000 plebians from the Church of England in 1538 by the Act of Uniformity. 11. The Oxford Dictionary; the compiler is James Gilchrist, who started work in 1852 and has just retired at seventy. 12. The Barbers of Africa, who came originally from Southern Europe.

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